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THE HAGUE AGAIN

UNITED STATES MAY FEEL CALLED UPON TO ASK REFERENCE OF CHINESE QUESTION.

CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED

That the Wobbling Old Empire Has Been Turned Down by the Powers.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The state department has received confirmatory advice from Peking of the declaration of the powers to receive a second indemnity installment on a silver basis. It is not understood that the declaration was accompanied by a threat, but the action itself is regarded as sinister, if, as has been suggested, it is not taken with a view to making a record of the position of the powers in this matter. The situation is regarded here as warranting some concern, though unless the Washington government is to utterly discredit any statement of the powers in the past two years, whenever the possibility of a division of China came up, it cannot believe there is an intention to proceed to extremes. It is again suggested the time is ripe for reference of this important issue to the Hague tribunal, a consummation devoutly wished for by China and a cause which has commended itself to the Washington government.

The United States, which is interested in the other powers in getting as much money as it can out of the indemnity, still feels bound by moral law to support the Chinese contention for a silver basis, looking not only upon the language of the protocol and the Peking treaty itself, but also having a solicitude regard for China's integrity and perpetuity as a nation. The other powers are united in demanding a settlement on a gold basis. This is an issue, which in the mind of the officials here, is eminently adapted to the methods of arbitration. So far as China alone has suggested reference to the Hague tribunal, but it is possible and even probable that if the powers are going to extremes, the United States government will seem bound to discharge its duty under article 27 of the Hague tribunal and point the way to arbitration.

MORE GRIEF ON GRAND TRUNK

Another Blunder in Order Results in Fatal Collision at a Tunnel.

St. Catharines, Ont. Jan. 3.—A serious collision occurred on the Grand Trunk today at West End Meriton Tunnel between the Chicago express eastbound and a light engine going west. As a result one fireman C. Waring of London, and Abraham De Saul, are dead and Engineers David Duke and Thomas Buckpitt, of London, are in the hospital, but not seriously injured. Both engines and the express car were wrecked. The passengers escaped with a bad shaking up and some bruises.

According to an official statement the accident was caused by Engineer Buckpitt of the light engine failing to carry out orders delivered to him at Niagara Falls.

News at Washington.

Washington, January 3.—It is asserted on high authority, that any statement that Senator Hoar's anti-trust bill is an administrative mistake, so far as it can be ascertained, is entirely simply his own views. The attorney general had no hand in its preparation and, in fact, had never seen it until its publication.

The attorney general has been requested by Senator Hoar of the senate to prepare a bill to amend the house judiciary committee to prepare his views as to the nature in his judgment, of further legislation necessary and is not expected to make his communication before Monday.

Justice George Shiras of the supreme court, referring to his contemplated retirement, tonight denied that he had been requested by the president to defer such action for a year in order to permit Governor Taft to complete the work on hand in the department. Such statement, he said, had no foundation in fact. Just when he would leave the bench he declined to say.

Secretary Hay tonight gave the first cabinet dinner of the new year. In honor of President Roosevelt. Covers were laid for twenty-one. The table was decorated with pink roses. The guests were the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary and Mrs. Shaw, Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, Postmaster General and Mrs. Knapp, Secretary and Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Moody, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Miss Dennison, Miss Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr.

The commissioner of navigation reports that 627 sail and steam vessels, of 171,590 gross tons, were built in the United States during the last six months of 1902. During the corresponding six months of 1901, 717 vessels of 154,073 gross tons were constructed. The tonnage of 1902, 98,375 tons were built on the Atlantic and the Gulf, 20,939 tons on the Pacific and 47,874 on the great lakes.

ANOTHER RICH RACING STAKE.

Provided by the Harlem Jockey Club.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—The Harlem Jockey Club today announced the addition of a rich stake to the club's regular list. It is the "Harlem National Handicap," mile and three sixteenths, value \$10,000 this year, \$15,000 next, \$20,000 the year following.

Coal Mines Consolidate.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—A deal was made by which the Midland Coal company will be absorbed by the Pittsburg Coal company. It involves the transfer of nearly 5,000 acres and four hundred dwellings, together with mines and equipment. The amount involved is \$2,550,000.

SUDDEN LANDING OF GERMANS

Caused The Citizens of La Guaira to Prepare to Defend Their Property.

La Guaira, Venezuela, Jan. 3.—The Germans suddenly landing a force of marines at Porto Cabello this morning and took possession of the custom house and wharves before resistance could be offered. The excitement of the inhabitants is intense and they are prepared to defend the rest of the town. The streets already have been barricaded when it was announced the landing of the Germans was only a movement taken in order to clear the port of small craft and render the blockade more effective. This had a calming effect on the people who at first believed the allies intended to occupy all the custom houses in the country.

The revolutionists are active on the outskirts of Porto Cabello.

Managed By Rebels.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Matin from Caracas says the city is menaced by the revolutionary forces in the neighborhood. The correspondent describes the situation at Caracas as critical. The bank, he says, lacks the required reserves to meet its bills and expenses of the government and forced loan is feared which will affect the foreigners as well as the Venezuelans.

WAR COLLEGE CORNER STONE

At Washington Will Be Laid on Feb. 22.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The corner stone of the army war college at Washington barracks will be laid on Washington's birthday and not on the 22nd inst. as was inadvertently stated yesterday. The principal address will be made by President Roosevelt.

Secretary Root today authorized General McArthur, at Chicago, to hire whatever buildings near Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., that may be necessary to shelter the troops near Fort Brady, in consequence of the destruction of that post by fire this morning.

A statement of the coinage executed at the mint during 1902, shows a total of \$79,485,815 as follows: Silver—\$29,928,167; minor coins—\$2,447,798.

In addition the government coined 550,000 pieces for Venezuela, 1,360,000 pieces for Colombia and 7,508, in gold dollars for the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Have Resulted in the Death of Many Persons at Norfolk and Louisville.

Louisville, Ky. Jan. 3.—Will Weiss, aged 11, is dead and Henry Boyle, aged 11 and Will O'Neil aged 13 are dying in this city, of lockjaw caused by drinking themselves in the hand in firing top pistols Christmas.

Norfolk, Va. Jan. 3.—Four more deaths have been added today to the list of fatalities growing out of the lockjaw produced by toy pistols, Christmas.

This brings the total up to 13 deaths and there are at least two cases which will result fatally. One of those who died today at the naval hospital here, was George Shenker, seaman in the navy, 25 years old.

NOT OF VIRULENT TYPE.

But the Plague at Mazatlan Is Bad Enough.

Mazatlan, Mex. Jan. 3.—There is some abatement in the virulence of the plague and hardly half the victims are dying today. There were seven deaths today. The people continue to flee from the city and this may spread the disease in the neighboring towns. So many police have been taken ill, that the prisoners in the jail have been turned over to the care of the soldiers. The poor people are averse to making known the cases of the plague and the authorities found in the kitchen of one house the body of a man who had died of the plague, under the floor.

Vigorous Action.

Mexico City, Mex. Jan. 3.—The recent advance in the prices of wheat caused the bakers here to diminish the size of the loaves while still charging the same price and is working hardship on the poorer classes. The government has determined the thing must be done at once. For this purpose a recent decree, taking off the duties on wheat, was issued and railroads reduced the rates from the border. The city government proposes to establish municipal bakeries and sell bread at cost. The policy of the government is to break up the monopolies that raise the price of living to the masses.

Starved to Death.

St. Louis, Mo. Jan. 3.—Dick and tossing on a miserable couch in a poverty stricken abode and surrounded by five children, the police today found Mrs. Nancy McKane, dying from hunger. The dead bodies of her husband and 16 months old grandson lay in the same room. There was no fire and no food. One of the children lay on the couch with the mother, flushed with fever. The husband died of consumption yesterday and the grandson succumbed to insufficient nourishment.

New English Ambassador.

London, Jan. 3.—Sir Francis Leveson, Berke, K. C. R., assistant under secretary of foreign affairs, has been appointed to succeed Lord Currie as British ambassador at Rome.

Chamberlain at Pretoria.

Pretoria, Jan. 3.—The train bringing Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and party arrived at midnight. The secretary met with an enthusiastic reception.

Goes Broke.

Larrosse, Wis. Jan. 3.—Mathias Koppelman, a shoe dealer in Neillsville has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities \$46,629.11; assets, \$1,458.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Jan. 3.—10 miles.—Rain in the south; snow in the north portion Sunday; Monday probably fair; fresh west winds.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Feb. 2nd evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

Jan. 3.—23 Highest 35
Lowest 25
24 Highest 35
Lowest 25

SAN JUAN'S MAYOR ARRESTED

Held in \$5000 Bond for Destroying Only Evidence of Embezzling Various City Officials.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 3.—The mayor of this city, Manuel Egozcue, was arrested and held on a \$5000 bail on the charge of destroying records of city water receipts, which constituted the only evidence of his alleged extensive speculations and embezzlements. The allegations against the mayor were originally made the last of October in a petition of citizens presented to the governor and which asked for the prosecution of the mayor. The editor of the News, which published the text of the petition, was arrested October 23, on complaint of the mayor or on a charge of libel. This arrest caused considerable excitement which ended in the shooting of the two men. Since then three other officials have been arrested and are being prosecuted for alleged speculations and embezzlements. The speculations are said to range from \$5000 to \$43,000 and misappropriations of other funds is alleged.

The arrest of the mayor today will tend to great excitement. Mobs congregated in the market and the office of Lawyer Acuna, who has undertaken the defense of a former city official named Rivera, who turned state's evidence. Shots were fired, but no persons sustained serious injuries.

MT. PEELE PILGRIMS.

Organize a Club to Preserve Record of Disaster.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Pelee club, composed of naval officers, newspapermen, scientists, artists and others, who accompanied the relief expedition to Martinique, after the eruption of Mt. Pelee, was organized here tonight with Robert R. Hill, of the National Geographical society, permanent chairman. The object is the preservation of record of the disaster. It was decided to erect a composite book of experiences of the trip, each member to contribute a chapter.

PACKERS GUILTY

THAT AT LEAST IS THE REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER WHO INVESTIGATED.

Jefferson City, Mo. Jan. 3.—Special Commissioner J. C. of Kansas City, appointed to take testimony in the ouster proceedings of Attorney General Crow on the charge of the existence of a beef trust, filed a report in the supreme court tonight. It finds that the Armour Packing company, Nelson Morris & Company, Swift & Company, Hammond Packing Company, Cudahy Packing Company, Schwartzschild & Sulzberger Company, are guilty of entering into an agreement to fix and maintain the price for the sale of dressed beef and pork in Missouri, not all of the companies, however, operating in St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis. It is set forth that the prices were fixed through agents, managers and solicitors and many times by managers of coolers in these cities. Regarding the findings as to meat sold in St. Louis, the report says:

"I find that Armour, Swift, Cudahy and the Hammond Packing Company, between August 21, 1899, and May 9, 1902, at St. Joseph are guilty of having been parties to a combination and agreement and confederation to maintain a fixed or list price on dressed beef and fresh pork sold through their respective coolers in St. Louis to the butchers' trade and the consuming public at that place, and that they do so ask, sell, and receive, the price fixed from said butchers for such dressed beef and fresh pork sold to them."

"They cannot plead that managers of their coolers and their city solicitor who carry on business for them did it without their knowledge and consent. The local agents of the beef companies did it and all knew it and their knowledge is knowledge of their companies."

ARE STILL CONGRATULATING

A Society Representing the Native Hawaiians Send a Message to President Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 3.—A number of cable messages were received by the government officials today from Hawaii. Among these was the following from a committee, representing the native Hawaiians, to the president:

"On behalf of the native Hawaiians of our territory, we desire that you, our president, should know of the deep and friendly interest they have felt from the first in the great commercial and national enterprise of bettering the Pacific with an American cable, and of their great satisfaction and delight upon the completion this day of that portion of the work which now makes those upon the mainland, and we out here, upon the sea, one as we were never before. We congratulate you, Mr. President, and through you, our fellow citizens of the mainland."

The president replied: "The president is much pleased to receive through you the cordial greetings of the native Hawaiians and extends to them his congratulations upon the opening of telegraphic communication with Hawaii."

Deaths of the Day.

Philadelphia, Pa. Jan. 3.—Stephen T. Garland for many years actively identified with railroad interests is dead, aged 60.

Lincoln, Neb. Jan. 3.—John R. Musie, representative elect from Nickols county, which convenes next Tuesday, died this evening, aged 62.

HE GIVES US PALM

LORD BERESFORD IS COMING TO AMERICA TO STUDY OUR BUSINESS METHODS.

ARE NEEDED IN ENGLAND

Says His Country is Wrong in the Venezuelan Matter and Knows It Now.

London, Jan. 3.—Lord Beresford, speaking of his coming visit to America said to the Associated Press today:

"I hope to pick up information regarding the administrative element in American business. That is where we are at present. We do not know as good as they do, but our administrative methods are feeble. Our companies want lords and commoners as directors who know nothing about business. Yours demand straight business men who not only know, but put their money into the concerns of which they are directors. If I can teach the people here to adopt American business methods, we can then have greater intercommunication of capital and interests between the two countries. It is the only way, and once England and America get on a profit-sharing basis the world will not be so divided with either. Neither of us will stand for a political alliance. It is impossible. The changing parties and sentiments of both countries forbid it. I frankly confess that a business alliance would be more to England's than America's advantage. American can look after herself. She can fight the world, either from an economic or any other viewpoint. They have not begun to realize here yet that the long period in which Great Britain held a monopoly of the trade is over. They do not know the value of scrap heap or minimum cost of production volume of trade."

The coming country will be one of business. By trying to achieve a community of business interests and England, I believe I shall do much toward its being a century of peace. You put your brightest men into business. We put them into politics, the navy and the army. That has got to be changed, not for the sake of the country, but for the sake of the individual, but for the general good of the country. When I return I hope to have a lot more information in my pocket which will further these ends in parliament."

When asked what he thought of the Venezuelan situation, Lord Beresford said his hand emphatically down on the table.

"Thank God," he exclaimed, "that it has come out all right. But it has taught our government a lesson—that they must never try their hand again at such a game without the partnership of the United States. I do not say a word against Germany, but I do think it is to England's advantage to come right out and not only say 'We support the Monroe doctrine,' but by heavens, we are willing to fight for it."

FIGURE ON COCK FIGHT

Decatur Sports Interested in An Attempt to Pull It Off Last Night.

And this time it was a cock fight, but it didn't come off. The plans were to pull the affair off at the Race track. Early in the evening it was apparent that the weather was too cold for the contest to be pulled off at the track. A number of downtown saloons were suggested, but the presence of the police in the vicinity of the saloons where the matter was talked of spoiled that part of the program. The owners of the birds were from Peru and Mexico. There were to have been ten birds on a side and the sports were looking forward to one of the best contests of the winter. That the affair could not be pulled off was a matter of deep regret to a large number and especially those who come here from Mexico and Peru to see the birds.

There was a rumor last night that an attempt would be made to pull the fight off today. Somebody will surely have to pay for a lot of expense.

Last night, when the place was undecided, two express wagons were driving aimlessly about the city, bearing the would-be combatants. The promoters of the affair were very quiet after midnight and there is a possibility that when things had settled the matter was pulled off early this morning.

BAND WILL HELP.

Concert To Be Given for Benefit of Carnival Association.

The members of the Goodman band have decided to give a concert and turn the proceeds over to the Carnival association, in order that the debts of the association may be paid. The concert will be on the evening of January 29th and will certainly be a musical treat.

Speaking of the matter a member of the Carnival committee said: "We owe about three hundred dollars and are anxious to pay up. The offer of the band has been accepted. We have never been able to effect a settlement with the hospital association and hope that we will realize enough money from this concert to satisfy outstanding claims."

Dr. Coburn's Lecture.

The lecture of Rev. Dr. Coburn on "The Superstitions of the Twentieth Century" that is to be given in Grace M. E. church Thursday evening, Jan. 8, is one of the very best lectures to which I ever listened. Dr. Coburn is a fine scholar, has traveled extensively and is a pleasant speaker. In his lecture he takes in a wide sweep of superstitions from the unlucky number 13, planting potatoes in the dark of the moon to the faith-healing spiritualism, and Christian Science. I have no doubt but his lecture will be the most interesting lecture that will be given in this city this winter.

Horace Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chenoweth of Chicago are visiting in Decatur.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

An elaborate New Year's dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Shultz, of 337 South Colfax street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bullock, Mrs. I. Foster, Mrs. Geo. Ruckle, Miss Rosa Ruckle, Miss Inez Ruckle, Miss Hazel Foster, Miss Lella Hardy, W. C. Foster, Miss Cora Brown of Springfield, Miss Ollie Rankin of Kent, Ohio, Dr. W. M. Ruckle of Chicago. Music and games were the diversions. Dinner was served by Mrs. Thomas Rhodes. Miss Florence E. Gardner entertained five of her friends at her beautiful home on Prairie Avenue. The afternoon was devoted to Ping-Pong and hearts. Refreshments were served. Those present were the Misses Georgia Allison, Irene Staley, Brona Howenstein, Mabel Jones and Mae Griffith, formerly of Macon, Ill. She will return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maritull Hill of 380 View street entertained on New Year's day. The company included Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hill and son, Otis of Bethany, Mrs. M. Dillow, and Miss Prana Dillow of Cerro Gordo, Mo. and Mrs. Emory Bankson and sons, Clyde and Lyle, Mrs. A. M. Lullow and Miss Annie E. Hopping all of Decatur.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments on last New Year's eve was the reunion of the "Camp Knockers" club at the home of Mrs. Howard Muthersbaugh, who was chaperone of the club in the last campment. The house was done up to represent the camp. The same signs which were used there, ornamented the walls. In the dining room a large tent was pitched under which the camp supper was served. The light was furnished by torches the same as the lights used at the camp.

A NIGHT SESSION.

Attorneys Argue on a Report Submitted by the Master.

Judge Vail held a Saturday night session of circuit court to hear the arguments on the master's report in the case of Lemon vs. Thomas. That is a suit that has been on the chancery docket for several years.

When John Thomas of Belleville died a few years ago he left an estate worth many thousands of dollars. He had been married twice and in the course of the administration of the estate it was discovered that notes to the value of \$20,000 were in the hands of the widow. The executor made a demand for these notes but the widow said that they had been given to her by her husband. Suit to recover them for the estate was brought by Mrs. Lemon a daughter of John Thomas by his first wife. The testimony covering many pages of type-written copy was heard by Master in Chancery Finn. He said that according to the evidence the widow was entitled to the notes she held.

The defense rested largely upon the fact that there had been a previous effort to recover the notes by a citation proceedings in the county court of St. Clair county. Judge Vail said that he believed that such contention was not sufficient, that his decision must be guided by the evidence which he would read.

LITTLE FLORENCE BROOKS

Who Is Figuring in Litigation in Chicago Is Known Here.

Florence Brooks the precocious young miss of 11 years who is the object of habeas corpus proceedings in Judge McEwen's court in Chicago is a granddaughter of Andrew Shoemaker of this city. Her father James W. Brooks was married to Miss Grace Shoemaker while he was living in Springfield and the mother died about eight years ago, and the little girl was then placed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Brooks of Springfield. Since that time there has been almost constant litigation for the possession of the child. Recently the grandparents were led to bring Florence to Chicago and into the jurisdiction of the Chicago courts by a conciliatory decoy letter written by the second wife of Brooks who married again in 1899, and is now principal of the Shields school at Normal Park.

The little girl was on the witness stand Friday and rather nonplussed Judge McEwen by her mature opinion on the relative desirability of a residence in Chicago or Springfield.

SOCIALIST PRIMARIES

Called for Thursday Night of the Present Week To Select Delegates.

The Decatur Socialists have called primaries for the evening of January 8, at 7:30 at the following places:

First Ward—Warren's Barber shop, 315 North Broadway.

Second Ward—Dr. Bayly's office, corner of North Main and William street, second floor.

Third Ward—Lithicum's shoe shop, 609 South Oakland avenue.

Fourth Ward—E. East Gault street.

Fifth Ward—1152 East Main street.

Sixth Ward—515 East Herkimer street.

Seventh Ward—Hall over Kreher's shop, King and Monroe streets.

The socialists say they will have a complete city ticket in the field.

Birthe.

Perkins—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Perkins, 329 View street, Saturday, January 3, a son.

Ditto—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ditto, 723 West Main street, Saturday, January 3, a daughter.

On Thursday Evening.

Bay Leaf Camp No. 24 R. N. of A. and Decatur, Camp No. 14 R. N. of A. will hold joint installation for the members and their invited friends on Tuesday evening, January 6, at K. of P. hall, Powers' block.

Com.

Mrs. John Corbett is quite ill with pneumonia at her home in Niantic.

OUTPUT OF BOTH SHAFTS

WILL BE FOR DECATUR

The Decatur Coal Co. Will Make an Effort to Catch up With Their Orders in this City

THE PRODUCER IS IN NEED

Coal Co. Has Struggle To Get Fuel to Keep Mine Machinery in Motion

Beginning tomorrow (Monday) morning the output from both shafts of the Decatur Coal Co. will be devoted exclusively to the local trade in this city, in an endeavor to relieve the situation here. How long this will continue is not known even by the management. Manager Armstrong said last night that it would be for several days at least but beyond that he could say nothing. The output of the two shafts should be about 700 tons daily.

This decision has been reached because the situation here has been constantly growing worse instead of better. Manager Armstrong says that he believes that the situation is really not as bad as it is made to appear. He explains it this way. Because there has been so much said about the conditions, persons who have perhaps coal on hand sufficient for two weeks, become alarmed and place an order for more coal and they are quite as insistent that their order shall be filled as the persons who are actually entirely without coal. If those persons who have on hand coal sufficient for a week or two would wait a few days until the persons in sore need could be supplied, the sharp demand would be lessened and the output here would more nearly meet the local demand. When work for the week came to an end last night the Decatur coal company had on their books orders for at least ten days' output from a single shaft. This list of orders does not include the demands likely to be made upon the shafts by manufacturers who contract for their coal by the season, nor does it include the coal which must be sent to the poor farm and to the water works. These two places are and will be kept supplied in any event.

FUEL FOR FAMILIES FIRST

Some of the coal diggers themselves are feeling the effects of the shortage. The men who mine the coal put in their orders and wait their turn the same as do other customers of the company. There have been during the past week men digging coal who have actually been in need of fuel at home.

Much Abused.

Last night when talking of the situation Manager Armstrong said: "You have no idea of the abuse that has been heaped upon me, some of it personally, because the entire output was not sold in Decatur. No one would believe it if I should repeat it. They would have to be present and hear before they would believe it. The odd thing about it is that the men who have said the most abusive things to me are the ones who do not patronize our company when they get coal any other place, but the moment that they have to wait for fuel they come to the office and you would think that we had forever been under lasting obligations to them."

Worse Than in Decatur.

When asked what his customer's outside of Decatur would do when the output of the old shaft was given exclusively to Decatur, Manager Armstrong shook his head and said that he did not know. At the present time the situation in the towns depending upon Decatur for coal is the worst ever known. Last night at 5 o'clock there were on the company's books orders from fifty-eight different individuals in other towns. Some were dealers and some were consumers and the orders ranged from one to five car loads so that it is likely that Monday morning the company will be 200 car loads behind on the outside orders. Manager Armstrong said that the abandonment of the outside trade which for many years had been consistently given to Decatur, would be an expensive thing for the company, but he could see no help for it.

Better Satisfied.

During Friday there were perhaps a dozen dealers from as many different towns, callers at the office of the Decatur company. They had come to Decatur to make a personal appeal to the manager in the belief that he did not fully understand the situation in their town and that after they had made a personal explanation, they could get more coal. When they saw that struggling, swearing crowd of teamsters about the chutes trying to get a load of coal, and realized what the company was up against at home, all of those dealers went away feeling that under the circumstances they had done fairly well to get as much coal as they had already secured.

Wait for Hours.

Every day teamsters are at the shaft as early as 4:30 o'clock in the morning in order that they may get the first turn at the chutes although they know that no coal will be dumped before 8 o'clock.

Loads Limited.

Yesterday Manager Armstrong gave orders that teamsters would be permitted to haul away more than three tons. That was because he believed that some of the men who came with wagons that would hold four or more tons were speculating on the fuel and perhaps making slower the delivery of coal to the poor who were in greater need and could not afford to take advantage of such opportunities. He declares that his efforts are merely to get fuel to the greatest number of persons in need of it. There is no trouble to sell it. The difficulty is in making the most equitable distribution.

A Citation.

In the county court yesterday some of the heirs of the late James Dingman filed a petition asking for a citation requiring W. J. Lawton to come into court and show cause why he should not be removed as executor of the will of James Dingman. The principal cause of complaint was that he had sold land belonging to the estate for what was alleged to be only half of its value.

THE NEW HOSE HOUSE.

At their meeting last night the board of fire commissioners decided to purchase an electric indicator for the new hose house on North Main street.

The house will be put in commission on Sunday February 1. On the Saturday night preceding the house will be opened for the inspection of the public. The crew to man the house has not yet been named.

Was Exaggerated.

There was a story yesterday that the coal company had issued positive orders that no more coal should be hauled to churches. When asked about that last night Manager Armstrong smiled and said: "There was no such order given. A week ago the man at the scales who directs the teamsters working for the company, told me that he had managed to get some coal to every church but one having an order in. That one was overlooked. Yesterday I told him that I believed that it would be better for him to give preference to orders coming from families rather than from churches. For this reason. The family must remain at home. Some of them might go to church for a short time on Sunday but that is not absolutely necessary. It is necessary for some of them to remain in their homes. The aged and little folks cannot get away from the house and they should be protected from the cold as far as it is possible to protect them. That's all that there was in that suggestion. I merely wanted to get fuel to as many families as possible."

\$20,000.00 REDUCTION SALE

Bradley Bros
Decatur, Ill.

We take stock January 31st., and during the next four weeks we must reduce our merchandise twenty thousand dollars, and have reduced the price on all surplus stock.

Bradley Bros
Decatur, Ill.

Silks Reduced

\$1 Foulard dress with patterns reduced to 75c a yard.
\$1 black silk brocade and spots reduced to 75c a yard.
\$1 satin Duchess Silks, all colors, reduced to 65c a yard.
75c Tinsel Brocade Silks for fronts and vests, reduced to 39c yd.
\$1.25 and \$1.50 fancy Silks, including late fall purchases, reduced to 85c per yard.
\$1 fancy Silks, over fifty pieces to select from, reduced to 65c a yard.
Remnants of Silks, Plushes, Velvets and Velvetines, reduced to half price.

Black Dress Goods Reduced

One lot of 36-inch Serges reduced to 25c per yard.
One lot of 40 and 45-inch Black Brocades, 50c quality, reduced to 30c a yard.
\$1 all wool Canvas, 54 inches wide, reduced to 55c a yard.
\$1 40-inch Mohair Brocades reduced to 49c a yard.
\$1 Black Armures, 44 inches wide, reduced to 49c a yard.
\$1 Black Sollei, 44 inches wide, reduced to 49c a yard.
\$1.50 Black Lusterline Brocades reduced to \$1.10 a yard.
\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.80 Novelty Dress Patterns, all black, reduced to \$1.50 each.

Colored Dress Goods Reduced

\$7 pieces of Jacquards, Tweeds, Cashmeres, Serges and Mixtures, reduced to 15 cents per yd.
50 cent all wool Venetians, Melrose and Armures reduced to 39 cents per yd.
50 cent Honespun Camels Hair Mixtures in choice colors reduced to 30 cents per yd.
\$1.00 Prunelles, Sollei, Armures and Canvas, reduced to 65 cents a yd.
\$1.25 Vigorux and Covert Suitings, reduced to 75 cents per yd.
\$1.50 Fancy Dress Patterns reduced to \$1.00.
\$1.20 Fancy Dress Patterns, reduced to \$1.50.
\$1.50 Fancy Dress Patterns, reduced to \$1.50.

Heavy Suitings and Skirtings Reduced

75 cent Rainy Day Suitings, 56 inches wide, reduced to 59 cents a yd.
\$1.00 all wool Plaid Skirting 48 inches wide, reduced to 65 cents a yd.
\$1.00 Snow Flake suitings 56 inches wide reduced to 69 cents a yd.
\$1.00 50 inch Basket Weave Suiting, reduced to 69 cents a yd.
\$1.25 Zibeline Suiting 52 inches wide in Castor, Myrtle and Tan reduced to 89 cents a yd.
\$1.25 Pebble Suitings 52 inches wide in castor and Myrtle reduced to 89 cents a yd.
\$1.50 Fine Tweed Suitings reduced to \$1.19 a yd.
\$1.50 Fancy Check Suitings reduced to \$1.15 a yd.
\$1.50 Golf Suitings in Castor, tan and brown reduced to \$1.12 1-2.
\$9.50 and \$10 Heavy Skirt Patterns reduced to \$5.95.

Linings Reduced

35 cent Skirting Velour reduced to 25 cents a yd.
25 cent Shrunken Canvas reduced to 15 cents a yd.
19 cent Crinolines reduced to 5 cents a yd.
15 cent Cotton Hair Cloth reduced to 5 cents a yd.
50 cent Grey Wool Moreen reduced to 30 cents a yd.
50 cent Quilted Satin Lining reduced to 30 cents a yd.

Printed Flannels Reduced

75 cent Finest Printed Flannels reduced to 50 cents a yd.
90 cent Printed French Chailles reduced to 69 cents a yd.
25 cent Fancy Waistings reduced to 19 cents a yd.

Millinery Reduced

\$5.00 Trimmed Hats reduced to \$2.50 each.
\$10.00 Trimmed Hats reduced to \$5.00 each.
\$2.00 Silk Hats for children reduced to 95 cents each.
\$1.00 Wool Tams, all colors, reduced to 50 cents each.

January Stock Reduction of Blankets and Bedding

Your choice of 75 cent grey, white and tan 10-4 Blankets, reduced to 48 cents per pair.
11-4 blankets that sold for 85 cents a pair reduced to 75 cents per pair.
11-4 extra heavy \$1.25 blankets at 98 cents per pair.
11-4 Wool Blankets, regular price \$3.50 a pair, reduced to \$2.98 per pair.
11-4 fine carded wool Blankets, regular value \$4.50, reduced to \$3.75 pair.
\$5.00 and \$7.00 all wool Blankets reduced to \$4.98 a pair.
20 dozen of home made Comforts extra fine and heavy, reduced to 98 cents each.
One case extra large 2 1-2x2 1-4 bed spreads made with the new pearl hem, Marseilles patterns, a \$1.50 spread reduced to 98 cents.

Great Stock Reduction sale of Sheets and Pillow Cases. Nicely made hand turned hems and made of celebrated cottons to reduce the stock. We will sell them at these low prices.

8-4-72x90 Bleached soft finished 58 cent Sheets reduced to 48 cents each.
9-4-81x90 Bleached Sheets, hand turned hems, the 65 cent value, reduced to 55 cents.
10-4-90x90 hand turned hemmed Sheets, always sold at 70 cents reduced to 53 cents each.
25 doz 42x36 Pillow Slips, made of Lonsdale Muslin, regular price 12 1-2 cents reduced to 10 cents each.
25 dozen 81x90 hemstitched Sheets, the new spoke stitch, regular price 85 cents, reduced to 75 cents each.
42x36 Pillow Slips, with the new spoke stitch, regular price 18 cents, reduced to 15 cents each.

Stock Reduction of Outing Flannels and Flannelettes

The entire lot of 7-cent Outings reduced to 5 cents a yd.
10 cent Outing, light and dark shades, reduced to 7 cents.
12 1-2 cent Outings, plain or fancy, reduced to 8 1-3 cents a yd.
18 and 20 cent fancy double fleec flannelettes, beautiful styles, reduced to 15 cents a yd.
3 cases of 10 cent Flannelettes in the very latest fancy designs, a beautiful cloth, reduced to 7 1-2 cents.

January Reduction Sale of Muslins and Sheetings

One bale yard width of unbleached muslin reduced to 4 1-2 cents a yard.
One case of soft finish bleached Muslin reduced to 4 1-2 cents a yard.
One case of 7 1-2 cent bleached Muslin reduced to 6 cents a yd.
One case of 81x90 unbleached sheeting, a very fine quality, regular price 18 cents reduced to 14 1-2 cents a yd.

8-4 81-90 Bleached Sheeting the 20 cent quality, reduced to 16 1-2 cents.
42 inch bleached Pillow Caseing at 10 1-2 cents a yd.

January Sale of Fine White Waists

Gold and fancy waistings, the stock is now complete and the very choicest weaves at the most popular prices.

Great Sale of Manufactures Samples of Table Linens

The first shipment of manufacturer's samples of fine table linens direct from our contract agents on sale this week. This lot consists of the very choicest line of patterns obtainable at 1-3 less than regular prices.

January Sale of Fine Linen Towels

50 dozen Huck Towels, size 16x32. Fancy border 7 1-2 cents each.
25 dozen 20x40 linen Huck Towels, fancy borders, the largest and best towel on the market for the money at 8 1-3 cents each.
18x36 all linen Huck Towels, a regular 25 cent Towel for 17 cents.
Extra special 10 dozen 20x40 fine all linen Damask Towels, the newest designs for the season, hand hemstitched, plain Damask floral center 25 cents each.
Your choice of all our 75 cent linen Damask Hemstitched or fringed towels at 50 cents each.
25 dozen fine double damask Hemstitched towels, a regular 60 cent towel reduced to 35 cents each.
One lot 18x36 Cream Turkish Towels, the 12 1-2 cent grade for 10 cents each.
20 dozen 20x45 Turkish Towels, an elegant 18 cent grade at 12 1-2 cents each.

January Sale of Table Linens, Napkins and White Goods

72 inch all linen damask at 48 cents a yard.
72 inch all linen double Damask at 70 cents a yard.
Napkins to match the above linen \$2.25 a dozen.
72 inch regular \$1.25 Damask, fine spun borders, special price 98 cents a yd.
72 inch Cream Damask, fine floral designs at 39 cents yd.
66 inch all linen cream Scotch Damask, an elegant quality at 58 cents yd.
Extra heavy fine double Damask cream table linen at 48 cents yd.
One lot Turkey red Damask, fast colors at 25 cents yd.
75 dozen extra heavy double Damask Napkins, beautiful designs at \$1.58 dozen.
One lot odd Napkins, 1-2 doz. in a package, from 75 cents to \$3 dozen.
25 dozen extra fine Irish linen, double Damask Napkins, sale price \$1.75 dozen.
10 dozen only, fine Belgium linen napkins, full dinner size at \$2.48 dozen.
A large variety, fine all linen set at from \$1.98 to \$10.00 per set.

Eiderdown Sacques and Robes

Women's Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, three-quarter wool in all colors, made with tight fitting back and loose front, closed with silk frog, sailor collar, trimmed with fancy braid, front sleeves and skirt finished with crocheted edge, regularly 75 cents—now—50 cents.
Women's Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, all wool in gray, pink, blue or red, tight fitting back and ripple skirt, full front, fastened with frogs, collar, sleeves, front and skirt bound with black satin, regularly \$1 now 85 cents.

Women's Ripple Eiderdown Robes, all wool in gray, pink or blue, tight fitting back, loose front, sailor collar, bell sleeves, collar and sleeves bound with satin, girdle at waist, \$3.25.
\$1.00 Flannelette Wrappers, 65 cents. Stripes and trimmed with braid. The skirt is made with a deep flounce.

Steamer Rugs at \$4.50, a regular \$10.00 pure wool Rug, solid colors on one side, Scotch Plaids on the other, full size, makes a nice carriage robe.

SENSATIONAL PRICES ON WOMEN'S WEAR. THE DEEPEST PRICE CUT EVER KNOWN IN COATS, SUITS, DRESSES, SKIRTS, WAISTS. GENERAL MID-WINTER CLEARANCE OF ALL OUR DRESSES, SKIRTS AND OTHER GARMENTS AT PRICES THAT ARE 1-2 TO 1-3 FORMER PRICES. This undoubtedly will be the sale of the season, one that no woman can afford to miss.

Coats

Double Breasted Black Kersey Coats, silk finished remain lining, velvet collars, regular price \$8 at \$3.50.
Black, Castor and Oxford Kersey Coats. Satin finished remain lining. Finished with rows of stitching. 39 kinds at \$5.00.
Black and Castor Kersey Monte Carlos, 27 inches long, satin lined, ripple back, box front, shoulder cape, regular \$13.50 kinds at \$7.50.
Tan and Castor Kersey Coats. Satin lined, high storm collar and revers of beaver fur. Regular price \$16.50. Our price \$8.75.
Collarless Monte Carlo Coats. Montagnac cloth, trimmed with stitched broadcloth bands and tabs. Revers and collar effects of braid, velvet and cloth. Satin lined \$18.50 values at \$10.00.
\$10.00 each for \$13.50 and \$20.00 Kersey Cloth Ulsters, some full length, others reach below the knees. Some full lined with satin, others lined to the waist.
\$12.50 for \$22.50 and \$25.00 Kersey Cloth Ulsters, many with full collars and revers, double breasted, satin lined throughout. Black, castor and Oxford.

Women's tailor made dresses. \$8.75 for \$12.50 and \$15.00 dresses, strictly tailor made, fine all wool serges and Broadcloth, a splendid line of colors, fitted without charge.
Walking Skirts. 50 on one table \$3.75, worth up to \$7 each.

New Prices on Fine Furs

Such of the fine furs as have not been sold, change their price for this sale 1-3 and 1-2 less.
No. 2 Electric Seal Coats, best satin linings, \$25.00, reduced from \$40.00.
No. 1 best quality Electric Seal Coats, \$35.00 reduced from \$48 and \$50.
Persian Lamb Coats, \$70.00 reduced from \$100.00.
No. 1 Electric Seal Capes, genuine black martin collar, fronts edged with martin, very best satin linings, \$17.50, reduced from \$35.00.
Black Astrachan Capes 27 and 30 inches long, satin lining \$5.00, reduced from \$10.00 and \$12.50. Just a few.

Scarfs, Boas and Muffs

Some of the finest pieces are here yet, one third and one half off.
Sable Fox short Boas at \$6.50, reduced from \$9.00.
Sable Fox Boas, long at \$12.00, reduced from \$20.00.
Black Martin Ulster Scarfs at \$5.00, reduced from \$7.95.
Black Martin Muffs at \$6.75, reduced from \$10.00.
Sable Oposum Collarettes with boas at \$3.95, reduced from \$7.
Electric Seal Collarettes at \$3.95, reduced from \$7.95.

THE 1903 SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERCLOTHES

You have watched, perhaps, for this sale to save you money. Very well: the 35c Corset Cover will save you twice as much in the end as the 20 cent and the 50 cent kind twice as much as the 25 cent. We have steered clear of trashy trimmings and poor embroideries in everything. Best materials, generous cuts, right styles, fine trimmings. Every garment is new today. Some, the very cheapest, are simple and plain but good, and in good taste

Petticoats



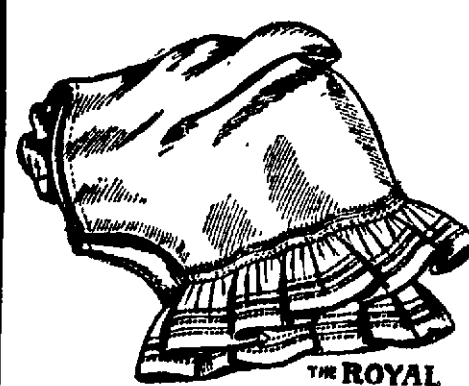
\$1.00 for \$2.50 silk Petticoats. Black taffeta with a deep pleated flounce trimmed with a ruffle and two rows of quilling.
\$1.50 Black Petticoats, 75 cents. Mercerized satin with a deep pleated flounce edged with a tuckered ruffle.
75 cents. Muslin, lawn ruffle with pleats and embroidery, or cambric with pleats and lace.
85 cents. Cambric or muslin with lawn ruffle;

one with hemstitched pleats and embroidery, the other with lace and insertion.
\$1.00. Muslin or cambric with deep umbrella ruffle of lawn trimmed with pleats and embroidery, pleats and hemstitching.
\$1.25. Cambric, deep ruffle with lace insertion and clusters of pleats.
\$1.50 Muslin or cambric with deep lawn ruffle; one with wide hemstitched pleats, the other with pleats, embroidery and insertion.
\$1.65 Cambric, lawn ruffle with cluster of pleats and deep ruffle of embroidery.
\$1.75 Cambric with deep ruffle trimmed with embroidery and hemstitched pleats or blind embroidery; and muslin deep ruffle with five rows of lace insertion and lace edge.
\$2.00. Cambric, deep umbrella ruffle trimmed with four clusters of hemstitched pleats.

Knit Underwear

Child's Derby ribbed with fleece back, pearl buttons, silk braid, bound neck and front, 10 cents and 19 cents, reduced from 25, 30 and 35 cents; size 18 to 34 in vests, pants and boys, drawers.
Child's flat wool natural color—vests, pants and drawers, size 24 to 34. 35 cents each, reduced from 65, 75 and 85 cents.
Women's Union Suits, about one case of assorted sizes, natural and Ecru Oneita style, 25 cents a garment, reduced from 40, 50 and 75 cents.
Men's wool shirts and drawers, the last of this department. About 12 dozen of best fleece lined shirts and drawers 85 cents, reduced from 90 cents.
One-half case of fine wool shirts and drawers at 70 cents, reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.00.

Drawers



18 cents. Muslin, with deep hemstitched cambric ruffle or hem and cluster of pleats.
25 cents. Three styles, muslin with pleats or cambric ruffle edged with lace cambric with deep lawn ruffle tucked and hemstitched.
35 cents. Muslin with lace pleats or cambric ruffle with lace and hemstitched pleats.
75 cents. Cambric, lawn ruffle trimmed with lace, ribbon and pleats.
85 cents. Cambric lawn ruffle, or hemstitched tucks and embroidery.
\$1.00. Nainsook with blind embroidery and pleats of cambric with lace insertion and ribbon.

NIGHTGOWNS



38 cents. Muslin, V-neck with lace or hemstitched ruffle; yoke with pleats and hemstitching.
50 cents. Cambric, two styles with hemstitched lawn ruffles and pleated yokes, hemstitched or low round neck and sleeves lace trimmed. Muslin yoke trimmed with pleats and embroidery insertion hemstitched ruffle on neck and sleeves trimmed with cambric ruffle.
65 cents. Muslin, yoke trimmed with fine pleats and embroidery insertion, neck and sleeves trimmed with cambric ruffle.
75 cents. Muslin, with pleated yoke and blind embroidery on neck and sleeves or cambric square or round neck with hemstitched pleats and lawn ruffles.
85 cents. Cambric, yoke with lace insertion and hemstitching or low round with embroidery insertion. Muslin with pleats and embroidery insertion.
\$1.25. Cambric, with yoke of pleats and insertion or square neck, neck with ribbon and beading.
\$1.00. Five styles; nainsook with low round neck trimmed with lace and ribbon; muslin, pleated yoke with or without embroidery hemstitched pleats, neck trimmed with cambric ruffle and ribbon or empire style trimmed with lace hemstitched pleats and ribbon.
\$1.50. Cambric, round neck, yoke trimmed with embroidery, pleats and medallions, or square neck with embroidery and insertion.
\$1.75. Cambric with low round neck or nainsook with square neck, trimmed with embroidery and ribbon.
\$2.35. Soft cambric; low round neck trimmed and embroidery lace and ribbon.
Other styles with many French ideas for more.

CORSET COVERS

8 cents. Cambric, high neck, pearl buttons.
18 cents. Cambric V-neck trimmed with pleats, hemstitched ruffle.
25 cents. Cambric, round neck front trimmed with hemstitched pleats.
25 cents. Cambric three styles: one with lace trimmed neck and armholes, another with low neck and armholes trimmed with embroidery; the third, V-neck with embroidery and hemstitching.
50 cents. Cambric, high or V-neck with embroidery and hemstitched pleats and high neck with lace and ribbon.
65 cents. Cambric, low neck; one style with lace and ribbon front and back; another with lace insertion on front neck and armholes lace trimmed.
75 cents. Nainsook trimmed with lace and ribbon.
85 cents. Nainsook, low neck, trimmed with embroidery lace and ribbon.

CHEMISES

25 cents. Muslin, neck and armholes trimmed with cambric ruffle.
35 cents. Muslin, yoke trimmed with lace and hemstitched pleats.
50 cents. Cambric, two styles, one with embroidery and insertion and the other with lace and ribbon.
65 cents. Cambric trimmed with embroidery and ribbon.
75 cents. Cambric, trimmed with lace insertion and ribbon.
85 cents. Nainsook, trimmed with lace and ribbon.
\$1.00. Cambric, with embroidery and ribbon or Nainsook with lace and ribbon; trimmed skirt.

Short Petticoats

40 cents Muslin, cambric ruffle, trimmed with hemstitched pleats.
50 cents. Cambric lawn ruffle with hemstitched pleats or with lace and pleats.
75 cents. Cambric, lawn ruffle, trimmed with hemstitched pleats.
\$1.00. Cambric, lawn ruffle, trimmed with lace and hemstitching.

RAILROAD NEWS

No Time and a Half for Unskilled Labor in the Wabash Machinery Department.

L. C. WANTS A WAITING LIST.

Coal Must be Rushed—Box Cars are Scarce—General News.

Just prior to the time that the Wabash machinists and boiler-makers went on a strike the unskilled labor in the machinery department received news that they would hereafter be given time and a half for Sunday work. Yesterday a bulletin was posted to the effect that that announcement had been made through a misunderstanding and that while the men would get the time and a half rate for the past month, after January 1 that rate was withdrawn.

A Waiting List.

All station agents on the Illinois Central are receiving a notice as follows:

It has been our practice in the past to so far as consistent, make our brakemen and firemen from young men along the line of the road, and in order that we may have better information as to this matter and know where we can find bright, active young men of good habits, who desire to make railroading their vocation, I beg to request that you make inquiries at your respective stations and furnish me with a list of the names, together with ages, present occupation and position desired, of such young men as you could recommend for this line of work.

These names will be placed on file and as requirements of the service demand, selections will be made therefrom. Care should be exercised to not give the names of those whose character and habits are not good or who are not of strong physical constitution.

Must Rush It.

A bulletin has been posted informing the Wabash train and yardmen that they must take special pains to rush coal consigned to the Chicago & Northwestern at Chicago for that company was almost entirely without fuel.

Car Situation.

On the middle division of the Wabash there are now received about 50 box cars each day but the demand is for at least ten times that many.

Dorwin Laid Up.

Frank Dorwin the Wabash despatcher, is out of service. Some time ago he accidentally scratched the calf of his leg. The mark was so small that it could hardly be discerned, but in some unknown way it became infected and has for time put him completely out of business.

Nicholas Robinson for the last thirty-five years an engineer on the St. Louis division of the Big Four, died suddenly at his home in Mattoon Thursday. He came to this country from England, where he was an engineer on the London and Northwestern in 1869.

Firemen O. Knipple and Tom Hinton of the Wabash are ill.

Engineer James Long of the Wabash passenger service west of Decatur is taking a vacation.

Engineers Harry Stigall, Ben Victor and Andy Johann were all out of service yesterday on account of slight illness.

Engineer George Spence of the Chicago Terminal company is in Decatur visiting friends. He was formerly an engineer on the Wabash.

Conductor O. Montague is on Wabash caboose 205 while Conductor Kimberlain is temporarily out of service.

Conductor D. E. Bump is taking a vacation and Conductor J. M. Boyd is on caboose 229.

Agent H. M. Todd at Bowen has been granted a leave of absence and will go to St. Louis to enjoy his vacation.

H. A. Culmer who has been enjoying an extended leave of absence will be checked in as agent at Chicago Ridge on Tuesday.

A. Melke has been promoted to the position of station agent for the Wabash at Orland being transferred from Blue Ridge.

Wabash engine 826 is out of the Springfield shops, having been given a general overhauling.

Word was received from Conductor Chris Richmond yesterday that he would on Monday enter a hospital at Peoria for the purpose of submitting to a surgical operation.

MEETINGS.

Regular meeting of R. B. Clary Post F. A. of A. Monday night in G. A. R. hall. Installation of officers. Members of Post 8 are invited.

R. N. of A. Olive Branch—Regular meeting 7:30 p. m. in K. of P. hall Power's building, Monday evening.

Lady Macabees—Special meeting Monday evening at K. of P. hall in Roberts and Green Building at 7 o'clock prompt.

Bungamun Tribe 115 I. O. R. M. meets Monday evening at 7:30. Open in adoption degree. Wigwam open on Sunday from 1:30 to 6 p. m. Come up and bring a friend.

Big Class.

Decatur Enfranchisement No. 37 I. O. F. will have another big class to initiate on next Saturday night. There will be about thirty candidates and about 125 visiting members are expected here to assist in the degree. Following the initiation there will be an elaborate banquet served in the hall.

Special Music.

Miss Florence Armstrong, a pupil of Duvever, will sing and Mr. Lorch will play at the Presbyterian church this evening.

BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE

A fine line of phonographs and new Edison moulded records just received at Prescott's.

You pay more for the clothes that DENZ makes, but—

Dr. T. B. Hoskins uses nitrous oxide for the painless extraction of teeth. Absolutely painless and perfectly harmless.

Lindsey just received another fine carriage from Chicago for opera, reception or parties. Cab or trunk calls, 25c; Decatur hotel. We make all trains.

10 lbs. Best grade for 50 cents, today. The Union Pacific Tea Co., 134 Merchant street.

A good square piano in fine condition \$80 at Prescott's.

The public installation of Bay Leaf Camp No. 20 R. of N. A. and Woodman 144 will be held in K. of P. hall No. 17, Jan. 6 for Woodman and Royal Neighbors' and invited guests.

Just received a new shipment of pianos since Christmas. Many new beautiful designs in cases. Prescott Music House.

THIS IS THE DOG.



Several weeks ago a dog that looked like a cross between a hound and a pointer suddenly became interested in the squirrels in Springer's window. The dog took a position there and refused to budge. He put in days watching the little animals and became the talk of the town. Several times since he disappeared but has always returned. The last time he was gone two or three days, but showed unusual sagacity in getting back and renewing his vigil on New Year's day.

The dog has been written up several times by the papers and is now known all over the county. Before the papers took him up he was nobody's pup but now he is claimed from one end of the county to the other, while no less than thirty people in the city have claimed that they were the owner.

Mr. Springer furnishes the above picture of the now celebrated dog. He is gratified to know that even the dogs are intelligent enough to recognize the best grocery in the city. The rest of the town found it out long ago. It does not make any difference now who claims the dog, he belongs to the store on his own initiative and the clerks are willing that he should. They will see that he is not abused and that he is well treated.

REBEKAH INSTALLATION

The Elective and Appointive Officers for Ensuing Term.

Progress Rebekah Lodge held their installation of officers at the hall on Friday night. The appointed officers and the elected officers are as follows:

Noble Grand—Hattie Martin.
Vice Grand—Myrtle Bower.
Secretary—Cordie Underwood.
Financial Secretary—May Ziegler.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mary A. Bell.
Right Support of the Noble Grand—Fannie Pierce.

Left Support of the Noble Grand—Mrs. Mary A. Bell.

Right Support of the Vice Grand—Carrie Ashton.

Left Support of the Vice Grand—Mrs. George Morris.

Chaplain—Mrs. Gordon.

Warden—Mrs. McLean.

Past Noble Grand—Mrs. Mary Mottram.

Outside Guardian—Elizabeth Stine.

At the next meeting on January 16 the newly elected officers will serve refreshments to the lodge.

On January 15 there will be a meeting of all former members of the degree team and all those interested in the work under the direction of Landy Martin for reorganization.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The 1907 collections of calendars which has been the pride of the Y. M. C. A. the entire year, will be replaced with new ones of 1908. The new ones are beginning to show up and the collection promises to be prettier than that of last year.

Sidney Covington, the new physical instructor, has examined 31 persons for entrance into the classes.

Attendance at the Yoke Folks Band is increasing weekly. The regular meeting night of the Band is Thursday night, but the meeting will this week be held on Wednesday, on account of the annual board meeting of the Association. At this time the annual election of officers will take place. It is expected that important action will be taken by the board concerning the new Association building.

Closed to Invoice.

On Saturday night the Mueller Manufacturing company closed their factory for the annual invoice. The bookkeepers will not be off on account of the blanch of the work but behind the other lines. Nearly all the office force and the heads of departments will be kept busy in the work. The buildings which were begun by the company last year are nearly all completed. The company will not start any of the proposed buildings this winter.

New Pool Table.

Yesterday there was placed in the Ironville club rooms a new Brunswick four foot pool table. This makes four fine tables which the boys have and they are enthusiastic pool and billiard players.

BODY BY EXPRESS

J. H. Price, West Decatur Street, Got a Gruesome Package on Christmas Day.

THE LETTER CAME IN LATTER.

Box Contained Remains of Father Who Had Been Dead 50 Years.

J. R. Price living on West Decatur street, received a rather gruesome Christmas package on the day before Christmas. About three o'clock in the afternoon the expressman delivered a box about fourteen inches square and twenty inches long containing the remains of his father who died and was buried over fifty years ago back in Ohio. A letter stating that the box had been shipped arrived about an hour later and just in time to prevent opening it to ascertain the contents.

Mr. Price's father, John Price, died August 14, 1849 and was buried in the cemetery of Seven Mile, Butler county, Ohio. In the half century since that time the town has grown out to the old church which was finally torn down and the churchyard and cemetery was recently platted and sold in lots. The family moved to this part of Illinois in 1856 and the children made arrangements with a relative to attend to the maintenance and send the remains to Decatur to be buried by the side of Mrs. Price who died in 1884 and is buried in Mt. Gilead cemetery.

Mr. Edwards attended to the work Monday and shipped the box and Tuesday wrote to Mr. Price advising him of its arrival but the letter got here last. Mr. Edwards in his letter said that at the same time eight other members of the family were disinterred and while all had been buried a long time and only the bones and dust remained, a sister was buried thirty years ago in a silk dress which was found to be just as fresh as the day it was put away.

Of eleven children of John Price eight are still living and seven reside in Macon county. A group picture was taken about two years ago and at that time the youngest was over 50 years and the oldest will celebrate his 80th birthday this year. The children are H. W. Price of Carroll, Ind., B. F. Price of this city, Mrs. B. A. Neyhard of Wheatland township, Mrs. Margaret Foster and J. R. Price of this city, W. H. Price of Wheatland township, Mrs. M. B. Baker and Mrs. Mary E. Hopkins of this city.

GENERAL MEETING.

Of the Woman's Club Will Be Held Monday—The Week's Calendar.

The usual meeting of Sorosis division will be deferred on account of the regular monthly meeting of the general club, Monday afternoon. The Art and Literature division will entertain the club with a Scandinavian afternoon.

No matters of special importance will come up at the business meeting. The program for the afternoon's entertainment will be as follows:

Vocal solo, "Felix", (Grieg) Miss Lillian King.
Instrumental duet, Peer Gynt Suite, (Grieg) Misses Emma Anderson and Marie Morgan.

Paper, Scandinavian Art, Mrs. M. W. Shultz.
Vocal solo, "The First Meeting," Mrs. Frank Howard.

Paper, Scandinavian Literature, Mrs. Oscar Danzelsen.

Two piano numbers, "To the Spring" and Norwegian Bridal Procession, Miss Clark.
Vocal solo, "The Princess," Miss Mae Harwood.

Social Hour.

Calendar for the Week.
Art and Literature Division—Mrs. Emma Lewis, chairman, meets Tuesday afternoons. January 6 the class will take up the study of Russia under the directorship of Miss Estella Brooks. The program will be as follows:

Roll Call. Russian Authors.
Origin and Early History of Russians, Mrs. Emma Lewis.
Glimpses of St. Petersburg, Miss Edith Starr.

Discussion: Peter the Great, Mrs. Sellars and Mrs. Hankins.

Palestine Division—Miss Winifred Elliott, chairman, meets Tuesday evenings.

With the meeting January 6 the class will take up the last author in their study of American Literature, Nathaniel Hawthorne. The work on Hawthorne will be under the direction of Miss Mary Johnson. Program for January 6:

Roll Call. Current Events.
Sketch of His Life, Miss Ella Lindsay.

Character, etc., Miss Leonette Johnson.
Reading from his letters, diary, etc., Miss Budenhausen.

Shakespeare Division—Mrs. S. P. McAllister, chairman, meets Wednesday afternoons. Program for January 7th:

2:30 to 3 p. m.—Business.
3 to 3:30—Discussion of the "Child Labor Law."

3:30 to 4:30—Class will take up the study of the play "King Lear" under the leadership of Mrs. McAllister.

ELKS SPECIAL

Decatur Elks Charter Train to Organize Springfield Lodge.

About one hundred members of the Decatur Lodge B. P. O. E. 98 will go to Springfield January 15 to organize a lodge of Elks. Over two hundred charter members will be installed during the afternoon and evening. A special train will be run over the C. I. & W. leaving about noon and returning the same evening after the banquet, which will be held in the St. Nicholas hotel. The entire Goodman band of thirty-five members will accompany the party. The Decatur lodge will be chartered by F. P. Wade, travelling passenger agent of the C. I. & W. also Past Deputy of Indiana Elks. Mr. Wade has been chaplain in the Grand Lodge of Elks.

Miss Blanche Shinn returned Saturday after a six weeks' visit with her sister in New York City.

NEWS NOTES

SOLD AN 80.

Mrs. C. P. Thatcher has sold to N. J. Farr of Argenta 80 acres of land in Illinois township for \$8500.

BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the local banks Saturday January 3, were \$83,831.73, making a total for the week (five days) \$248,929.96 against \$214,879.37 for the week preceding.

BOARD MEETING.

The Anna B. Millikin Home board will meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. I. A. Buckingham.

MEETING CHANGED.

The teamsters will hereafter meet the first and third Monday in each month instead of the first and third Friday. There will be a meeting tomorrow night when officers will be elected.

REST ROOM.

The Decatur Lumber and Milling company is arranging to have a rest room for the employees in the basement of the mill. There will be places where they can spread their lunch and stoves arranged for warming food. The men hall the new plan with delight.

WON THE DOLL.

Mrs. P. Smith of 538 East Herkimer street won the handsome doll offered by the Grace Hayward company for the holder of the lucky number at the matinee on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Smith's little daughter immediately took possession of the prize.

BUGGY DAMAGED.

Dr. Will Chenoweth's buggy was run into by an Edward street car on Saturday morning. Dr. Chenoweth's rig was in front of the Barnett hardware store and was very near the track. When the car came up behind the horse the animal backed into the car. One of the wheels caught on a bolt on the car and the buggy was badly twisted.

WILL MOVE.

O. C. Robertson has decided to move his family to Bloomington.

GETTING READY FOR WORK.

Last week was a holiday in most of the country schools, but many of the teachers were in attendance upon the meeting of the state teachers' association at Springfield. Superintendent A. A. Jones returned about the middle of the week and devoted the rest of the time to getting things arranged in his office.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. J. E. Bering.
The funeral of Mrs. J. E. Bering will be held Sunday afternoon at half past two o'clock from the family residence at the corner of Edward and William streets. The burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Blanche C. Hoyer.
The funeral of Miss Blanche C. Hoyer was held Saturday morning from the family residence on North College street. Rev. Horace L. Strain pastor of the First Congregational church conducted the services and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

DRY GOODS STORE
AT 143
N. WATER STREET

GREAT
JANUARY

CLEARANCE SALE
Begins Tomorrow

We have just finished invoicing our stock and find that we have entirely too many goods in some departments and we are determined to get them into money. Too many Cloaks, too many Fine Wool Blankets, too many Furs, too much Underwear, too many Fine Dress Goods, and so on down through many many departments. OUR LOSS WILL BE YOUR GAIN IN THIS SALE.

Remember, we give tickets with all purchases of 25c of Dry Goods or Groceries, and by saving them you can get Fine China, Glassware, Kitchen Utensils, etc., with them.

Knit Underwear

Men's heavy fleeced shirts and drawers; always sold at 50c; this week at 39c.

Boys' heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, a 30c kind, this week at 19c garment.

Ladies' heavy fleeced shirts and drawers this week at 22c garment.

Children's Underwear.

At 10c—About 30 dozen odd sizes of children's fleeced shirts and pants, as long as they last at 10c garment.

4c yard for good unbleached muslin worth 6c.

4c yard for check outing flannel, worth 6c yard.

3c yard for twilled crash toweling.

10c for white enameled curtain poles with fixtures, worth 20c.

25c for good 7-foot window shades, worth 40c.

45c for ladies' all wool breakfast shawls, worth 75c.

41c roll for good clean cotton batting, worth 50c.

Wool skirt patterns at 48, 60 and 80c each this week.

Ladies' flannel gowns at 48c, 60c and 98c this week.

Blankets and Comforts

Grey and tan fleeced blankets, 70c kind at 48c pair.

Chas. T. Johnston
DECATUR, ILL.

GROCERY STORE

IS AT 138

MERCHANT STREET

Again we Offer You A Great Opportunity



THIS is the beginning of our Annual Mid-Winter Clearance Sale. We do not propose to carry any goods over to next year. This time, however, you get a larger and better assortment than ever from which to make your choice. Every winter garment in the house is included in this sale—nothing reserved.

No Humbug! No Cabinet Work! No Tricks!

What Does it Mean to You?

Simply this—Come here, make your own selections, do your own figuring. We allow you to deduct

20 per cent, or one-fifth

from our former prices. Every article is plainly marked with the original selling price, which makes it very simple for you. For example:

Suit or Overcoat, former price \$ 8.00.....	NOW \$6.40
Suit or Overcoat, former price 10.00.....	" \$8.00
Suit or Overcoat, former price 12.00.....	" \$9.60
Suit or Overcoat, former price 14.00.....	" \$11.20
Suit or Overcoat, former price 16.00.....	" \$12.80
Suit or Overcoat, former price 18.00.....	" \$14.40
Suit or Overcoat, former price 20.00.....	" \$16.00
Suit or Overcoat, former price 22.00.....	" \$17.60

We have a magnificent assortment of Suits, Overcoats and Reefers for the little fellows at the same liberal discounts as the men's.

Hats and Caps at prices that will surprise you.

DON'T MISS THIS SALE.

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SIGNIFICANT DATE.

Sunday, Jan. 4—Silk manufacture introduced into Europe, 536.

A has been—the coal bin.

This week was good coal weather.

The democrats are still without a policy and without a leader.

The indications point to Richard Olney as the democratic nominee in 1904.

New Jersey received in 1902 over \$4,000,000 for fees from corporations. It pays pretty well to be the trust paradise whether it is very righteous or not.

The state teachers' association decided against forming a union. Many of them however, would not be averse to forming a domestic union, the membership being limited to two.

The Springfield News advises that the legislative delegation from Sangamon divide their vote between Miller and Sherman. To do otherwise might prevent Springfield from getting its seat into the state treasury. Anything

for an appropriation is the capital city's motto.

The United States is wise in accepting silver from China for the indemnity. Could it be expected that gold could be gotten out of a pigtail?

Luther Laffin Mills and Geo. E. Adams say they are candidates for U. S. senator. This is merely another way of saying that they are helping Billy Mason to try to beat Albert J. Hopkins.

The Washington Post says that an elevator is a public conveyance like a street car or a railroad train and that no man violates any rule of politeness by keeping his hat on. This is exactly true.

Some unwise enthusiast at Washington recently suggested to Congressman Cannon that he might fill any breach in the Illinois senatorial fight which might bob up. Uncle Joe put the following quietus on it, "Nay, nay; some other time."

At last the Pacific ocean has surrendered to the genius of man. The thread of intelligence between San Francisco and Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, has been successfully tied at each end. Governor Dole and President Roosevelt held a short long distance conversation on Friday.

Since Senator Hoar has settled the imperialism issue he turns his attention to something else. He now has an anti-trust bill. Judging by his antics over the Philippine question, Senator Hoar is classed as a first class grumpy. Not much confidence can be put in any measure he prepares. Still the country is ready to be shown.

The president has decided that Indiana, Miss., must go without a post-office or accept Mrs. Minnie M. Cox as postmistress. Her only crime is that she is a negro. She served three

years under Harrison and was re-appointed by McKinley. She is faithful and competent, but her skin is black.

A Chicago paper details the fact that the once rich and powerful banker, Edward B. Dreyer, in his first march in lock step, was between a burglar in front and a forger behind. What of it? This burglar and forger were disgraced by being compelled to march with an embezzler between them. Dishonors were even.

Some months ago the Review was very solicitous because the Herald occasionally contained a typographical error. Not to be outdone in kindness our esteemed neighbor is here reminded that in its issue of Jan. 1, over the thrilling account of launching the senatorial boom of George E. Adams appeared the startling headline, "Laundry Workers Strike."

Possibly this was intentional. Being a democratic organ the Review probably foresaw that there might be some political soiled linen. It was in a spirit of kindness therefore that Mr. Adams was informed that there was a "Laundry Workers' Strike."

The following is from a letter written by the late John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, to his wife in 1890:

"The world is so lovely at its best and life is so delightful, that I dread the thought of leaving it. I have seen and experienced so little of what may be seen and known that it seems like closing a volume of which I have only glanced at the title page. But so many are taking their leave and I have already survived so large a number of my contemporaries that I must contemplate my departure with the rest. I thought as I lay in bed this morning, having waked early, what an uncivil host life is to invite us to an entertainment which we are compelled to attend whether we like it or not, and then to unceremoniously take us

by the arm and blow us out into the night, stormy and dismal, to go stumbling about without so much as a lantern to show us the way to another town."

PRESENT MEAT PRICES ROBBERY

The assistant secretary of agriculture, Col. J. H. Brigham, says that present prices of beef are exorbitant. He urges the people to organize and buy direct from the cattle producers. The language of Col. Brigham is as follows:

"There is no reason why the consumer should be required to pay an exorbitant price for beef now, in view of the fact that the price of cattle is reduced to its normal rate.

"The people have but one redress, and that is to make a fuss about the price of beef and organize among themselves to procure it direct from the producers of cattle. I am not prepared to say whether the wholesale dealer or the retail dealer is responsible for the high price of meat to the consumer. This I know, that the raisers of cattle are not getting more than the normal price for their beef on the hoof.

"It therefore, stands to reason that the trouble lies between the wholesale and the retail dealers. I am a raiser of cattle myself and the men who look after my stock have written me that the market is so well stocked now that we are selling our beef at \$2.50 a hundred pounds on the foot and \$5 for the side meat. That is about the price we received for our cattle prior to the beef famine last June when prices jumped skyward.

MRS. LANGTRY'S FALL.

The Bloomington Bulletin diagnoses the malady of a once famous actress in these biting words. It says that the "time was when Mrs. Langtry could wear any old thing and let nature do the rest, for she was admitted to have the most perfect neck and

shoulders since the Venus of Milo, who broke both arms fighting off enthusiastic swains who proposed. Mrs. Langtry had the distance flag dropped on all rivals for a number of years until two fateful things happened. She was the guest of King Edward, then the Prince of Wales, at a wine supper and all was going merry as a marriage bell when all at once she conceived a fatal practical joke. She dropped a lump of ice from the champagne cooler down the prince's spine.

It was an awful shock to the royal dignity and she got no more bouquets nor the compliment of a royal box party at any of her performances for many years, indeed until she was supposed to be dying in London about five years ago. Her first appearance in Bloomington was at the old Schroeder opera house in "Pygmalion and Galatea." She traveled by special car and was interviewed by the writer in her railroad palace and appeared to live up to the advance notices. She was creating an intense furore among the sons of the nabobs of New York and there were all sorts of alterations at the clubs over her smiles when in a reckless moment she dipped into Shakespeare and undertook to do "Roseland" in tights. It was told at the clubs that her knees looked like knots on bent saplings.

"Thus we see how great art may be marred by a little carelessness."

STORMED THE COURTHOUSE

The Movers Prevailed There by Mere Force of Numbers.

The six "movers" who were arrested Friday night on a charge of trespassing were fined \$3 and costs each on Saturday by Justice McCoy. They had only \$10 in the crowd or that was all that they would dig up. After the first installment had been paid on the fine they were told to hike.

But before that the families of the men stormed the courthouse. The men were in jail when the women folks came to the courthouse in their wagons. There were six women and twenty-five children. They unloaded and flocked into the courthouse. As

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soon as they got into the building the oldest woman in the bunch gave the signal for the crying to begin and every one in the party began a wailing that not only drove the court house inmates almost distracted but aroused every one within a block of the building. The crowd visited the police headquarters, the sheriff's office and the office of the state's attorney. Police officers were necessary to finally drive them from the building.

Never for a moment did they forget their wailing. In the courthouse corridor they threw themselves on the floor and fairly shrieked. Some of the children were babes at the breast. They were purposely dressed in a way that would be most likely to excite compassion. One child had a handkerchief about its head and another about its neck and with that exception was naked. Another toddler wore a single garment, a low-necked, short-sleeved calico slip and

was without shoes and stockings. In fact about half of the party were barefooted.

Although they had paid only a part of their fine the men were released as the best way to get rid of their followers. Afterward the police officers had to drive them out of town.

The people living in the southern part of town said that the children carrying a sack would come into a house and actually pour coal from a coal scuttle into a sack and walk out as if they had a right to the fuel they carried away.

Hitched to the wagons and led behind them were twenty horses, some of them said to be fairly good specimens.

Seriously Ill.
James Reavis is seriously ill at his home on North Water street.

Subscribe for the Herald.

One-fifth OFF

Monday, Jan. 5th

20 Per Cent Discount from the Low Prices

We shall commence a Special Discount Sale of our entirely new and up-to-the-minute stock of MEN'S, YOUNG MEN'S and BOYS' Suits and Overcoats. We are determined to clear our stock to the Last Garment.

Clothing talk don't create clothing value. Anybody can claim greatness, but how few possess it when it comes to final show-down. No other store in the State of Illinois can equal the values we provide. You have the advantage here of making selections from a stock that's new from the best makers of ready-to-wear clothes in the United States.

All Marked in plain selling figures. We Allow 20 per cent Discount

The reason of this sale is that we want to close out all of our Winter goods---get the money and make room for Spring stock. That's all there is of it.

OUR MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS ARE THE BEST.

\$ 8.50 Ones, 20 per cent.....	\$ 6.80	\$16.50 Ones, 20 per cent.....	\$13.20	\$28.00 Ones, 20 per cent.....	\$22.40
10.00 " " "	8.00	18.00 " " "	14.40	\$30.00 Overcoats.....	\$24.00
12.00 " " "	9.60	20.00 " " "	16.00	32.00 "	25.60
13.50 " " "	10.80	22.00 " " "	17.60	35.00 "	28.00
15.00 " " "	12.00	25.00 " " "	20.00		

Our Men's Suits Got the new Shapley shoulders, retaining shape fronts and equaled by few tailors as to fit and make.
Our Overcoats are cut all the new prevailing styles, Broad Expanded Shoulders, and are as near perfection as can be.
Our Boys' Department. All bran new goods. The same sacrifice, 20 per cent off the low marked price.
Pants Department. All new, very stylish designs in worsteds and cassimeres. Finely tailored. 20 per cent off the marked price.
Men's Underwear. 20 per cent reduction on all Winter Underwear. Stock complete.

CLOTHING

Kaufman's
DECATUR, ILLS.

245-249
North Water St.

MILLINERY

AT HALF

During this Clearing Sale we shall offer you choice of all Trimmed and Ready-to-wear Hats at just half former prices.

Linn & Scruggs Co.

WATER, MAIN AND STATE STREETS

ENGRAVED CARDS

We make a specialty of high grade society engraving, and during this sale shall engrave a copper plate in script, and print you 100 cards for only **95c** 100 cards from your own plate for..... **70c**

GREAT JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

These great pre-inventory sales have so long been a feature of this store that the public has learned to look forward to them as the great economical event of the year, and we have determined that this year's sale shall eclipse all former efforts. We have inserted the price cutting knife deep in all our stocks and have put quick selling prices on all the odd lots, all short lengths, all slightly soiled and mussed merchandise, all broken lots and odd sizes, all accumulated remnants and surplus stock in all lines.

The sales of the season just closed have been by far the greatest in the history of this great store, and the accumulation of reasonable and desirable goods is correspondingly large. There is not a department in the store that does not offer you a splendid array of reasonable bargains among which we ask your particular attention to the following:

Decided Sacrifices in Cloaks, Capes, Furs, Suits, Waists and Skirts.

We have gone through this stock very carefully and have marked special low prices on every garment in stock. Bring this ad with you and see if the prices are not just as represented:

Ladies' Cloaks and Capes at Half Price

This includes the entire stock—not a garment reserved. All sizes 32 to 44. Misses' sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18.

Ladies' \$50.00 Coats at	\$25
Ladies' \$40.00 Coats at	\$20
Ladies' \$30.00 Coats at	\$15
Ladies' \$25.00 Coats at	\$12.50
Ladies' and Misses' \$20.00 Coats at	\$10.00
Ladies' and Misses' \$15.00 Coats at	\$7.50
Ladies' and Misses' \$12.00 Coats at	\$6
Ladies' and Misses' \$10.00 Coats at	\$5
Ladies' and Misses' \$7.50 Coats at	\$3.75
Ladies' and Misses' \$6.00 Coats at	\$3
Ladies' fine \$25.00 Black Kersey Capes, extra lined for	\$12.50
Ladies' \$13.50 Black Kersey Capes, beautifully strap trimmed at	\$6.75
Ladies' \$10.00 Golf and Kersey Capes, with fancy hoods, all colors, at	\$5

Silk Clearances

All our remnants and short lengths of Fancy Silks, former prices ranging from 75c to \$1.50, we shall close out at the remarkable price of per yard

20-inch Black Levant,	45c
20-inch Black Beau de Sole,	69c
20-inch Black L'Aiglon,	
20-inch Corded Louisiane,	
Goods that sold regularly at from 85c to \$1.25, for per yard	
We shall offer choice of our colored 75c Corduroys, to close, at the surprisingly reduced price of per yard	50c
Fancy metal prints and changeable Velveteens, sold regularly at 75c and 85c, for per yard	59c
Needle Stripe Velveteens, sold heretofore at 50c, for per yard	29c

Clearance Reductions in Dress Goods

Handsome Coverts and Check Suitings, 40 inches wide. The season's best sellers at 50c a yard. Reduced to clear, per yard	39c
An odd lot of Suitings, 52 to 56 inches wide in mixtures and stripes. Good winter materials that have sold up to \$1.25 per yard, reduced for this sale to per yard	50c
52-inch all-wool Coverts in greys and castors, splendid values at 55c, reduced to per yard	65c
48-inch Zibeline in grey mixtures. A very stylish material for suits and skirts which has been priced regularly at \$1.00. Reduced to per yard	76c
52-inch Coverts and 56-inch Crash Suitings, in grey mixtures, regular price \$1.00, reduced to	75c
46-inch two-toned Diagonals in brown, navy and plum, made of the finest worsted yarn and selling regularly at \$1.25. Reduced to per yard	76c
52-inch Novelty and Plain Zibelines, and 52-inch Novelty Canvas Cloths. We are sold out of several shades of these, but still have an excellent line, some of which have sold up to \$1.75. All are now reduced to per yard	98c

Wool Waistings

Genuine Imported Printed French Flannels, all new, this season's up-to-date patterns, and which have sold at 75c and \$1.00 per yard. Reduced to per yard	39c
Fancy stripe Wool Waistings, not many of them left, but worth up to 75c and \$1.00 per yard. Reduced for this sale to per yard	58c
We have remaining a good many plaid suitings and skirtings, goods that are heavy 52-inch widths and which have sold for \$1.50 to \$2.00 per yard. Take your choice at the reduced price of per yard	50c

South Aisle Clearances

36 inch Flannelettes of best quality in French flannel effects, regular 75c goods. Clearance Sale price per yard	10c
28 inch Flannelette of good styles and colorings, a regular 12 1-2c fabric which makes fine dresses, gowns and waists. Clearance sale price	61c
28 inch fleeced Suitings worth 10c. Clearance sale price while they last, per yard	61c
Horse Blankets, 2 strap shaped Stable Blankets, Clearance price to close, 1-4 off regular price.	41c
Fine brown and bleached Muslin, 36 inches wide, a regular 6c quality at the clearance price of per yard	41c

Art Department Specials

Stamped Linen Doilies, 18 by 18 inches, worth 25c, for each	15c
Stamped Linen Doilies, 22 by 22 inches, worth 35c, for each	20c
Handsome Wrought Iron Candlesticks, worth 16c, 18c, and 19c, at choice for	8c
Beautiful Spatchel Work Mats, 24 by 24 inches, worth 25c, for only	19c
Handsome decorated and tufted Pillow Tops in a great variety of attractive designs, worth 25c, each with back only	19c
Slightly soiled Pin Cushions, worth up to 25c, each for	25c

Bargains in Choice Furs



Our sales of Fine Fur Coats have this season been more than double those of any previous season, but we have still remaining a few choice garments which we have priced to close at the following great reductions:

\$250.00 Copper Island Alaska Seal Jacket, London dyed, \$175 for

\$150.00 Seal Skin Jacket, 24 inches long, latest cut, \$100 for

\$60.00 Near Seal Coat, extra fine, beaver trimmed, \$40 for

\$75.00 Near Seal Jacket, collar, cuffs and reverses of finest Hudson Bay beaver, tan satin lining to match beaver, \$50 for

\$60.00 Near Seal Jacket, latest cut, best satin lining, \$45 for

\$50.00 Near Seal Jacket, latest cut, best satin lining, \$36 for

\$40.00 Near Seal Jacket, late cut, best lining, etc., \$36 for

\$35.00 Near Seal Jacket, same style and finish as above, \$25 for

We have also remaining a few very fine pieces of Fur Neckwear, which we shall sell during this sale at about half.

Ladies' Tailored Suits

We have remaining just 107 Ladies' Tailor-made Suits which we have placed in two lots at the following very remarkable prices:

All our \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$18.00 Suits reduced to each	\$10
All our \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00 Suits reduced to each	\$15

All Over and Other Embroideries

We have several pieces remaining of handsome Wash All Overs, among which we quote a tucked all over with hemstitched Valenciennes and Swiss embroidery insertings, worth regularly \$3.98, for per yard

Extra fine All Over with fine tucks and Valenciennes Inserting, regular price \$3.50, for per yard \$1.75

Embroidered Beading All Over with Valenciennes Inserting worth regularly \$2.98, for per yard \$1.50

Fine embroidered Beading All Over, with round thread Valenciennes Inserting, worth \$3.49, for per yard \$1.98

In connection with the above we shall offer a splendid assortment of embroidered edges and insertings in various widths and weights, at money saving prices. These goods are of the best material and in carefully selected designs.

Notion Aisle Opportunities

An odd lot of very handsome Mirrors and Brushes left over from the holiday stocks and worth 50c and 75c, for each	25c
Good 2-quart Fountain Syringe	45c
Good 2-quart Hot Water Bottle	45c
Dainty gold plated Beauty Pins 6 for only	5c
Fancy frilled Silk Side Elastics worth 25c, for only	15c
Box of Tuxedo Textile Stationery, 24 sheets and 25 envelopes, worth 25c, for only	19c
One pound, 72 sheets, of "On the Wing" Stationery, worth regularly 15c, for	8c
One pound of "Garden City" Stationery, worth 35c, for	19c

Footwear Clearances

Choice of our \$3.95 and \$4.95 Ladies' Enamel Boots, extension soles and best makes and styles, at each only	\$2.98
Ladies' Vici Corona Patent Colt, Box Calf and Velour extension sole Boots, 15 stylish lots of Shoes sold at \$3.50 and \$3.95, at the Clearance Sale price of per pair only	\$2.98
Ladies' Vici and Box Calf Shoes, Winter weight and heavy soles, sold regularly at \$2.50.	\$1.98
Youths' and Little Gents' satin calf and box calf Shoes, heavy extension soles, sizes 8 to 2, a \$1.25 value for only	98c
Boys' \$1.50 Shoes for per pair	\$1.19

OUR SPECIAL BARGAIN TABLES will be filled with different lots every day at prices less than half regular. Here are some examples:

Ladies' Shoes	Misses' Shoes	Children's Shoes
Small sizes, 2 to 4; Broken sizes, medium narrow width; \$3.00 weight, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Shoes for	85c	75c
		Broken sizes up to 10 weight, for

Rubbers

Misses' 40c Storm Rubbers for	25c
Ladies' 50c Storm Rubbers for	33c
Youths' \$2.00 dull-finished Rubber Boots, sizes 11 to 2 and from 2 to 13. Per pair	\$1.25

Infants' Wear Clearances

Children's Cloth and Velvet Coats, colors blue, brown, red and green, worth \$2.50 to \$6.00, sizes 4 to 8 years. Clearances sale prices 25c per cent. less than regular.	25c
Infants' and Children's Caps and Bonnets, all sizes and colors, worth 75c to 95c, for 49c; worth 49c and 35c for	25c
Children's Fancy Bonnets of all kinds at 25c per cent. less than regular prices.	25c
Babies' Knit Jackets worth 35c for	25c
A few Wool Dresses for small children in red, blue, green and brown, worth \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00. Choice to close them out at each	\$1.98
A few Fancy Aprons nicely trimmed with lace and ribbons, worth \$1.25, \$1.49 and up to \$3.00, at very special reductions.	

Children's Long Cloaks

Full length Box Coats for Girls from 8 to 14 years in all modish colorings:	
\$15.00 Full Length Box Coats for	\$10
\$12.00 Box Coats for	\$8
\$10.00 Box Coats for	\$6.50
\$7.50 Box Coats for	\$5
\$6.00 Box Coats for	\$4
\$3.50 Short Box Jackets at	\$2.50
\$2.00 Short Box Jackets at	\$2
\$2.50 Short Box Jackets at	\$1.50

These are in reds and blues and for children from 6 to 12 years.

Silk and Cloth Dress Skirts

About 150 Silk and Cloth Dress Skirts as follows:	
\$25.00 Beau de Sole Skirts for	\$22.50
\$25.00 Beau de Sole Skirts for	\$16.50
\$20.00 Beau de Sole Skirts for	\$16
\$15.00 Beau de Sole Skirts for	\$12.50
\$13.50 Silk Dress Skirts for	\$8.75
\$10.00 Silk Dress Skirts for	\$7.50
\$7.50 Cloth Dress Skirts for	\$5
\$6.00 Cloth Dress Skirts for	\$3.93
\$4.00 Cloth Dress Skirts for	\$2.98

Special Clearances in the Basement

We call special attention to a beautiful Dinner Set in a delicate pink tint with floral decorations, which we shall close out at cost. We have sold this pattern in the 100-piece set at \$13.98, but shall reduce it for this sale to per set	\$9.50
Shall sell it in open stock at a proportionate rate.	
Our Stock of the famous Mrs. Potts' Nickel Plated Laundry Irons is larger than usual, and notwithstanding the fact that the cost of these goods has recently considerably advanced, we shall sell what we have remaining, during the Clearance Sale, at 55c per set of three irons, handle and stand. You will not be able to buy these at this price after this lot is gone.	
One gallon White Milk Crocks, smoothly finished, for each	6c
Strong wire Egg Beaters for	1c
Good sized Granite Steel Wash Basin for	10c
7 quart Granite Steel Preserving Kettle for	33c
8 quart Granite Steel Water Fall for	25c
Extra large Granite Steel Rice Boiler, inside boiler holding 5 quarts, for only	58c
Wood frame Clothes Wringers for	\$1.25
Double Roasting Pans made of smooth iron, size 10 by 14 inches, each only	25c
White handled Cups and Saucers, per pair	5c
Plain white Dinner Plates each	5c
16 piece Decorated Chamber Sets in blue, green or brown, per set	\$1.98
Good size Glass Lamp complete with wick, chimney and burner	23c
Beautiful blue decorated German Semi-Porcelain ware in tea or coffee cups and saucers, plates and bowls, each	8c
Rogers Bros' Nickel Silver Spoons, Tea size, per set of 6, 49c; Dessert size, per set of 6, 75c; Table size, per set of 6	98c
Coin Silver Knives and Forks, per set of 6 knives and 6 forks,	\$1.75
Folding Ironing Boards, nicely finished, each	69c
Good sized Coal Hods for each	25c
One-piece Fire Shovels for each	3c

Ladies' Underwear

Ladies' part-wool and all-wool Union Suits in sizes 3 and 4, worth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50, at the Clearance price for choice of per garment	\$1.00
Ladies' celebrated Lapwing Cotton Union Suits, especially adapted for large people and regularly priced at \$1.75. Clearance price each	\$1.00
Ladies' black mixed Wool Union Suits, sizes 3 and 4, and priced heretofore at \$1.25. Clearance price	60c
Ladies' Cambray Hair Vests and Pants in ecru and natural, sizes 30 to 42, worth regularly \$1.00. Per garment, to close	69c
Ladies' red wool Sanitary Vests and Pants, all sizes, regular \$1.00 goods for per garment	89c
Ladies' natural wool Vests and Pants, sizes 3 and 4, regular price \$1.00. Clearance price	79c
Ladies' all-wool Pants in small sizes only, regular price \$1.00. Clearance price per garment	60c
Ladies' Cotton Vests and Pants in pink and blue, a broken line of sizes priced regularly at 75c; Clearance price per garment	39c
Ladies' heavy fleeced Cotton Vests and Pants in grey and ecru, sizes 3, 4 and 6, regular price 50c; Clearance price	39c
Ladies' Fleeced Vests and Pants in grey and ecru, all sizes, regular price 39c; Clearance sale	25c

Final Waist Clearance

We have gathered our entire stock of fine Silk, French and fancy flannel, and other high grade Waists into two lots, at two remarkably reduced prices:

Lot one includes about 150 Ladies' Waists in silk, flannel and other modish materials, which have sold during the season at \$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00. Choice for	\$2.98
Lot two includes our entire stock of high grade colored Silk Waists, all fresh and clean and this season's styles. About half of these are in white and in dainty evening shades, and they have been greatly admired at the former prices of \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00. You shall have your choice during this sale for	\$3.98

Muslin Underwear

Every season we are bound to accumulate a large amount of soiled and mussed Muslin Underwear, and we have this season about 1,000 such garments which need but a trip to the laundry to make them as good and fresh as new, that we shall close out at decided sacrifices.

Lace trimmed Corset Covers and lace trimmed Ladies' and Children's Drawers worth 18c for	10c
Corset Covers with Torchon Lace Yokes, and embroidery trimmed Ladies' and Children's Drawers worth 35c for	19c
Ladies' Drawers of better quality neatly tucked with Torchon Lace or tucks and Swiss embroidery; also, Children's gowns of good soft finish muslin, neatly finished on the yoke with tucks and ruffles; Corset Covers and Chemise. These are all regular 40c goods, but we shall sell them during this clearance sale for each	25c
350 pieces of beautifully trimmed Gowns, Drawers, Chemise, Corset Covers and Skirts in many different styles; splendid 85c values at choice for	39c
About 300 Gowns, Corset Covers, Skirts and Drawers, high grade goods of many styles, beautifully trimmed in fine Swiss embroideries, or Valenciennes laces and insertings. They are regular \$1.00 values at choice for	69c

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery

Ladies' Fancy Hose in stripes, fancy figures, embroidered effects and fancy tops; priced regularly at 30c, 35c, 40c and 40c. Clearance sale per garment	25c
A broken line of Ladies' Fine Cashmere Hose in sizes 8, 9-1-2, and 9-1-2, regularly priced at 60c, 75c, and 85c; Clearance price for choice, per pair	50c
Ladies' heavy ribbed Wool Hose, better known as "Home Knit," regular price, 35c; Clearance price	25c
Ladies' heavy fleeced Hosiery, double sole, heel and toe, worth regularly 20c; Clearance price, per pair	15c
Boys' heavy 2 by 2 ribbed Hose, double knee, spliced heel and toe, regular price, 15c; Clearance sale price	12c
Misses' fine ribbed Cotton Hose, spliced heel and toe, broken line of sizes, regular price 15c; Clearance sale price per pair	12c
Infants' mixed wool Hosiery, sizes 4 1-2, 5 and 5 1-2, worth regularly 19c; Clearance price	10c
Children's fine ribbed Cotton Hose, double knee, heel and toe, warranted fast color, regular price 12 1-2c; Clearance price	9c

Men's Wear Clearances

Men's Fancy Hose in all the latest Fall and Winter styles, regularly priced at 50c and 75c; Clearance price per pair	42c
Specially prepared for this sale a full case of Men's Neckwear in a great variety of styles, worth regularly 50c. Choice during Clearance Sale for	21c
Large line of Men's Underwear in all wool back, fleeced lined and mixed wool and cotton. Sizes are somewhat broken in these garments but we can fit almost anyone from the different lines. These goods retail regularly at \$1.00, but the Clearance sale price is per garment	50c
Another lot of Men's Underwear is in odd sizes of Shirts and Drawers worth \$1.25 to \$1.50 per garment. They are in all-wool flat and ribbed, and are an exceptional bargain if we have your size at the Clearance sale price of per garment	75c
Regular 50c quality of Men's cotton fleeced lined Shirts and Drawers in broken sizes. Clearance price for choice	31c
Wilson Bros' Shirts are the standard for all that is elegant in fit and style in Men's Shirts. We have remaining in stock a few choice patterns in attached and detached cuffs, prices for which range from \$2.00 to \$3.50. Take your choice while they last at each	\$1.50
Any \$1.50 Wilson Bros' Shirt in stock for	\$1.25
Regular \$1.00 Stiff Bosom Shirts in good new and up-to-date patterns at the Clearance price of each	79c
50c and 75c qualities of Men's Stiff Bosom Shirts with detached cuffs. Choice while they last for	41c
Men's Work Gloves and Mitts worth 50c and 75c, Clearance price	38c

Carpet and Curtain Department Clearances

We offer during this sale splendid opportunities in all Wool Carpets in short lengths, and shall offer you choice of a large number of patterns at 49c per yard for the 65c quality; 50c quality for 39c per yard; 35c quality for per yard	25c
Tapestry Brussels Carpets in the regular 90c grade for 75c; the 75c grade for per yard	59c
Amxminster Carpets worth \$1.10 for per yard, 85c; \$1.25 quality for per yard	\$1
We shall offer all our short lines of Lace and Muslin Curtains in one and one-half pair lots, at discounts of from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent. from regular prices.	
36 inch Silk Lined worth 10c and 12 1-2c, at per yard 5c and	81c
45-inch Figured Mull worth 30c, for per yard	22c
40 inch colored Swiss worth 15c for 12 1-2c; regular 12 1-2c quality for per yard	10c
Plain Ruffled Swiss worth 25c, for per yard, 19c; worth 20c, for per yard	17c
Note some of these goods in the show window.	
Odd lots of Rugs including 30-inch Smyrna, Axminster and Moquette Rugs worth \$2.50, for \$1.75.	
36 inch Rugs worth \$3.50 for	\$2.75
9 feet by 12 feet Axminster Rugs worth \$25.00 for	\$19.50
9 feet by 12 feet Wiltons worth \$25.00 for	\$19.50
100 Handsome Hassocks, specially made from remnants of high grade carpets; Clearance prices 25c quality for 19c; 50c quality for 35c; \$1.25 quality for	75c
A few Burnt Wood decorated Jardiniere Stands, sold during the holidays at 90c, and \$1.50. Choice during this sale at each 50c and	\$1

THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

The remainder of the month of January will be a busy one at the opera house and Manager Given will offer some first class attractions for the amusement and entertainment of the people. The present week opens with "Away Down East," which has attained immense success during the past few years under the management of W. A. Brady.

The play tells a story of life among the plain people of a New England farm, in a simple straight-forward way. There is an abundance of the comedy element present, and some of its rustic characters, with their quaint ways and homely wit, are uproariously funny. The scenery in the old farm yard, the rustic kitchen and the deserted sugar camp particularly are asserted to be wonderfully accurate, and the awful snow storm into which Anna Moore (the heroine) is cast out, surpasses anything of the kind heretofore attempted. The story of the play goes straight to the heart of the listener and frequently compels the tribute of tears. There is not an offensive line or suggestive situation or line in the play.

Sign of the Cross.

The fear is expressed that the people are going to fall in appreciation of the treat offered them Wednesday evening in the "Sign of the Cross." Manager Given stated Saturday that he would personally endorse this attraction and would guarantee its giving entire satisfaction. He is perfectly safe in doing this. Those who keep in touch with theatrical matters recognize in it one of the strongest religious plays ever staged, as well as one of the first of that character offered to the public. Mr. Given extends to the Catholic priests and protestant ministers of the city a cordial invitation to attend the performance, as his guests. A Baltimore rabbi after seeing the play, wrote to a paper of that city and said: "If it were in my power to preach a sermon teaching such a lesson tending to the betterment of humanity as does this play, I would preach it every night in the year." No one can see the play without being made better by it. The play is presented by the original company and it is the first visit to Decatur.

Thoroughbred Tramp.

Next Saturday afternoon and night "A Thoroughbred Tramp" will be the attraction.

Later Attractions.
Jan. 8—Catherine Ridgeway Concert Company (Y. M. C. A.)
Jan. 12—Sporting Life.
Jan. 14—A Poor Relation.
Jan. 15—Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin.
Jan. 16—Barbara Frietchie.
Jan. 19—San Toy.
Jan. 21—A Secret Despatch.
Jan. 22—S. Miller Kent in "The Cowboy and the Lady."
Jan. 24—The Suburban.
Jan. 25—Foxy Quiller with Richard Golden.



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Jan. 28—Foxy Grandpa.
Jan. 30—General O. O. Howard (Y. M. C. A.)
Jan. 31—A Millionaire Tramp.

Theatrical Gossip.
One of the events of the theatrical season will be the coming of Jacob Litt's stupendous production, "The Suburban," which will be seen here on the 24th. Mr. Litt has given this sterling and thrilling melodrama the most magnificent production ever vouchsafed to a melodrama and besides has engaged a splendid company of players whose names are known from one end of the country to the other. With out doubt this will be the most important engagement of the year.

In a foot note under the cast of characters in "Barbara Frietchie," that remarkable play of the war of the rebellion in which Mary Elizabeth Forbes and supporting company will appear in this city at the Grand opera house on the 16th Clyde Fitch makes this comment: "The author disclaims any intention to the writing of an historical play. He has endeavored merely to picture in an imaginary story some of the spirit and atmosphere of a certain period of our history, using the personality of 'Barbara Frietchie' as best lending itself to his purpose."

Martin Harvey under the direction of Klaw & Erlanger has made a distinct hit in "Children of the King."

Frank Daniels played to capacity at the Broadway theater, Denver, the week ending Dec. 27. By \$2,000 he eclipsed the business he played to in that theater last year.

Ezra Kendall's attitude toward the public is frankly that of an entertainer, and he does not care whether he is called an artist or a legitimate comedian. As he himself says, he is an accident; that is, he became an actor by accident.

Mrs. Leslie Carter's second appearance in "Du Barry" at the Hollis Street theater, Boston, was just as great a success as the first. The house was packed, and the enthusiasm over the performance was even greater than that on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Carter has had a splendid welcome back to Boston.

"The Chaperones" made a hit here last season. The delightful musical comedy will be seen here again shortly.

Sarah Bernhardt has an article in one of the January magazines on the moral influence of the theater. They say it is a real heart-to-heart talk. Contributions from actresses to periodical literature are getting to be more frequent now than formerly. We recall the incident of the magazine editor who once asked Lillian Russell to write an article for his periodical. "What will you give me for it?" asked Lillian. "Twenty-five dollars a page," said the editor. "Pooh!" said Lillian. "I can get double that money for simply putting my name on soap advertisements." "But isn't it more creditable to write magazine articles than to sign soap advertisements?" inquired the editor. "Why?" quoth Lillian.

Mrs. Lily Langtry, or rather Mrs. Hugo Gerald de Bathe, who is at the Garrick theater, New York, in a new play, "The Crossway," suggested by

herself and written by J. Hartley Manners, arrived from London last Friday with her company and a large contingent of trucks supposed to contain many marvelous gowns. "The Jersey Lily's" present father-in-law, Sir Henry de Bathe, is said to be in failing health, and in the event of his demise she will become possessed of the title of Lady de Bathe.

Souza and his band sailed for Europe last week on the St. Louis. The band will make a tour of the Continent of four months' duration.

Kathryn Kidder opened her season in the new play "An Eye for an Eye," at the Wisting Opera house, Syracuse, on Dec. 25. The drama is a translation from the works of Dumas by Professor L. Dumont Syles, of the Leland Stanford university.

It is stated that Louis James has brought suit against the proprietor of a hotel in Dallas, Tex., for \$20,000. It is alleged that the proprietor accused Mr. James of stealing a pillow from his hostelry.

Gertrude Quinlan of the "Sultan of Sulu" company, was forced to come



IN WAY DOWN EAST.

from Boston to this city in her stage costume, as her street clothes had been packed by her maid through the latter's haste before leaving that city.

Sir Henry Irving, Ellen Terry, Bram Stoker and others of Irving's company were formally entertained recently by the lord mayor of Liverpool and his wife at the Liverpool town hall. There were many distinguished guests, including a large number of clergymen.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell is, according to report, looking for a New York theater in which to play a series of Shakespeare and Sardou dramas next season.

Deaths Recorded.
David T. Hughes to Jennette E. Hughes the northeast quarter of 1, 14 2 east.—\$14,000.
Mary A. Shorb to George H. Yeack, lot 17 in block 1 in J. W. Warren & Co's ninth addition to Decatur.—\$1000.
Corine Race to Jeanie L. Ostrander the east half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 9, 16, 2 east.—\$1500.
Orle G. Collins to Fred and Minnie Farjani lots 2 and 3 in Power's subdivision of lot 6 in the west half of the southwest quarter of 12, 16, 2 east.—\$2.
Fred Parjani to O. G. Collins lots 2 and 3 in Powers sub division of lot 6 in the west half of the southwest quarter of 12, 16, 2 east.—\$2.
Wm. G. Ammann to Mary A. Shorb, lot 17 in block 3 in J. K. Warren & Co's ninth addition to Decatur.—\$1000.

Schools Reopen.
All the schools of the city will open on Monday morning. The beginners' classes will open on February 2. Brown's Business college will resume work after a week's vacation. St. Patrick's Catholic school opens Monday after two week's vacation. The children will soon begin preparations for class day exercises which will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

A Short Visit.
John Gardner who was formerly foreman of the Decatur Bakery is here from Peoria for a short visit. For several years he has been superintendent of the Thomas & Clark Biscuit company. A few days ago that company incorporated and Gardner took stock in the concern to the value of \$10,000. He says that the business the last year has been excellent.

Will Probated.
The will of the late Mrs. Rosina C. Dumont has been admitted to probate. The estate was given to W. L. Dumont and he was named as executor. There was no obligation for him to sell any of the real estate but there was a provision that in case he did make such a sale \$1000 was to be given to the son Arthur Dumont.

Long and Short.
Summing up his observations in Africa, Sir H. M. Stanley says that the tallest men he found lived in high altitudes from 5,000 feet above sea level and upward; the sturdiest from 3,000 to 5,000; the shortest, excepting the pygmies, from sea level to 3,000 feet.

Entertained.
At their home at 724 West Macon street on Friday afternoon Misses Henrietta and Marie Hancock entertained a party of friends in honor of the Misses Burgette of Newman. Hearts were played and refreshments were served.

Subscribe for the Herald.

PROPOSED POLICE BILL

At the coming session of the general assembly there will be introduced a bill designed to remove from the and health; but no such applicant shall powers which name police and firemen, be examined concerning his political possibility of political interference, and making merit the test for appointment. Notice of the time and place of every examination shall be given by the board by publication for two weeks preceding such examination.

The board of fire and police commissioners shall prepare and keep a register of persons whose general average standing, upon examination, is not less than the minimum fixed by the rules of such board, and who are otherwise eligible, and such persons shall take rank upon the register as candidates in the order of their relative excellence as determined by examination, without reference to priority of time of examination.

Such board of fire and police commissioners shall by its rules provide for promotion on the basis of ascending merit and seniority in service and examination, and where it is practicable vacancies shall be filled by promotion. All examinations for promotion shall be competitive among such members of the next lower rank as desire to submit themselves to such examination, and all promotions shall be made from the three having the highest rating.

Such board may employ a secretary, or may designate one of its own members to act as such.

No person holding any lucrative office under the United States, or this state, or any municipality, shall be a member of such board. And the acceptance of such office by any such member shall be deemed and held as a resignation of his office by such member. Not more than two members of such board shall belong to or be members of the same political party.

An appeal may be taken from any order of such board by any person interested or affected hereby to the circuit court of the county in which such city may be located, by such person filing with the secretary of said board a cost bond with sufficient surety in the sum of one hundred dollars.

The trial in said circuit court shall be de novo, and the circuit court shall give precedence to such cases over all matters not affecting public interests. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate effect of this act, it shall be in force from and after its passage.

The chances are at least even that you are as blameworthy as the other man.

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Our stock is large. A warm winter, so far, has left us with a large stock on hand, which

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A man's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$20 will cost you\$15
A man's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$18 will cost you.....\$13.50
A man's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$15 will cost you.....\$11.25
A man's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$10 will cost you.....\$7.50

A child's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$7 will cost you.....\$5.25
A child's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$6 will cost you.....\$4.50
A child's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$5 will cost you.....\$3.75
A child's Suit or Overcoat that we sold for \$4 will cost you.....\$3.00

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On every single, or odd man's boys' or child's Suit, Overcoat or Pants in the house we will cut the price IN HALF. You buy only the one, it makes no difference to YOU that we have no more, but it does to us. On every dollar's worth of these goods you buy you save FIFTY CENTS.

To Start the Ball Rolling 400 pairs of all wool Pants, worth \$2.50 and \$3.00. Too many of them. While they last, and they won't last long..... \$1.48

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Deatur Alderman Tells of His Travels on the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

MANY MILES OF SUGAR CANE.

Over Seven Feet of Rainfall Recorded Within Eight Days.

Honolulu, Kona, H. I., Dec. 17, 1902.

I arrived here Sunday after a ten-days' trip around the island. We drove 207 miles in our buggy which we shipped home by steamer and then travelled on horseback for sixty miles. The horseback ride was via one of the most terribly rough mountain trails that you can imagine. It was a fine trip, one that I will never forget and never regret. On the Hilo side of the island there is a stretch for nearly one hundred miles through plantations of nothing but sugar cane. Along that route you can see twelve sugar mills running full blast. On the Kona side there are only about 1,500 acres of sugar cane and one mill, but there is mile after mile of coffee plantations.

On this side of the island they have no water except the rain that they catch in tanks and reservoirs. But they have lots of rain. It is not uncommon here for as much as eight inches of rain to fall in twenty-four hours. At Laupahoehoe, one day last month in eight days there was a rainfall of eighty-six inches. I thought that the entire sea had broken loose over the island, but in two hours after it was over you could not see any trace of the rain for the island is mostly rock and the water runs at once into the sea.

It would surprise you to see the coffee and sugar cane growing through the rocks where there is scarcely a sign of soil in sight. Up on the mountains, three thousand feet above the level of the sea, they do not raise cane or coffee, but there is good grazing land and there you may see fine herds of cattle and sheep. I visited the ranch of Mr. Lowe. He is the brother-in-law of Governor Dole. The Lowe ranch embraces 8,000 acres and there I saw about 5,000 cattle and as many sheep. You may judge from this that the island is good for something in addition to volcanoes.

I visited the crater of the volcano Kilauea but at that time it was not very active and only a little fire was in sight. The week before I was there the crater was more active and the lava had boiled up three hundred feet above the level at which I saw it. Even then the lava was not within 800 feet of the point at which it would overflow the crater. Enclosed in this letter is a charred envelop that I held over one of the cracks in the lava.

I expect to leave Honolulu on Jan. 8 on the ship Korea. I will make a short visit in California before returning home.

Tomorrow my brother will entertain Governor Dole and party at lunch. The party is enroute to the mountains on a hunting trip. I had the pleasure of meeting Governor Dole on Sunday and think that he is a fine old gentleman.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Give my regards to all of the members of the council.

D. AUNGST.

MONEY IN FOOTBALL.

Receipts at Chicago University Games Totalled \$48,000.

Athletics at the University of Chicago are on a firm financial foundation practically for the first time in the history of the university. The past year, according to the statement of Manager Buterworth, was the most prosperous in the history of the school. Football alone totalled the sum of \$18,000, while track athletics and baseball will bring this up to several thousands more. The nearest the university athletics yielded a similar sum was in 1900, when the post-season game with Wisconsin helped to swell the total receipts for the year to \$13,000. Of the \$48,000 in receipts this year the university will get half, or \$24,000, the other half going to visiting teams. The expenses during the past season amounted to \$11,000, leaving a total of \$13,000. Out of this a debt between \$6,000 and \$7,000 was paid, leaving a surplus of nearly \$7,000.

The statement is by far the best ever made to the university trust. Last year was a bad year in university finances, when the receipts from all sources totalled only \$28,000. In 1900 the receipts from all sources were \$36,000. The surplus this year will more than cover the expenses for the track and baseball teams next spring. It is figured, and will leave a working balance for next season's football.

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XTRAS FOR MONDAY

\$1.00 For Bed Pillows made of A. C. A. Ticking, filled with renovated feathers, weigh full five pounds to pair.

\$1.25 For Bed Pillows made of Fancy Art Denims, large size filled with extra quality feathers.

25c Each Fancy Colored Saxony Fashinators, medium sizes, any one of this assortment worth to 35c each.

25c A Pair Large fancy embroidered and plain colored cotton Hose, all sizes and worth to 39c a pair.

12c A Pair Children's Jersey ribbed heavy weight cotton Hose, expressly for school wear, 19c kind, all sizes.

25c A Pair Ladies' extra heavy Jersey ribbed Woolen Hose, French heel and toe, all sizes in grey only.

10c A Pair Ladies' fancy Elastic Garters, with clasp, trimmed with ribbon, all colors, 15c values.

10c Each Remnants fancy Elastics in all wanted colorings, embroidered effects.

25c Each "The Roseland" Long Waist Adjuster, Shirt waist adjusted in a minute without pinning.

NOTIONS

2½c for 25 Envelopes

9c per box for 24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes, worth up to 15c.

One Lot Ladies' Pocket-books, worth 25c and 50c each; choice Monday 15c

MONDAY Will be a "GUSHARD" DAY Typical

When your dollars will have additional purchasing power--A Day of Money Saving Chance. Prudent buyers will readily appreciate an event in which every department of the store participates and every section contributes its "quota."

Pre-Inventory Sale of Toweling and Table Linen

Union Crash, full 18 inches wide, 6½c grade; Monday 5c

Steven's Brown Pure linen crash, full 20 inches wide, bordered edges, 9c grades 7½c

Bleached Crash—Steven's color, brated make, full 22 inches wide, bordered sides, worth regular to 15c 10c

Towels—Large assortment pure linen towels with fancy borders, large sizes, also a few fancy bordered bleached damask towels, with knotted fringes, values worth to 18c, each 10c

DAMASK TOWELS. Large size 22 by 54 fancy borders of blue and red knotted fringed ends, worth to 39c; our price 25c

Table Linen in oil red and blue, large assortment, fancy floral patterns, also checks to select from, always sell at 39c Monday 25c

Bleached Damask 54 inch bleached damask, deep borders, fancy patterns, 35c values 25c

COLORS DAMASKS—Renfrew patterns in fancy patterns, turkey red table damasks, full 60 inches wide, large assortment of figures and designs; 50c values; Monday 33c

Reeds Damasks Pure bleached and 60-inch wide deep borders, bow knot floral and standard designs, 50c grades; our price 39c

Corset Specials



One Lot broken sizes and assorted makes of Corsets in all shapes and sizes, garments that have sold up to \$1.00 each, all made with non-rustable stays, trimmed with embroidery and edging; each 50c

OUTING FLANNELS

One Lot assorted colorings in light and dark Outing Flannel, full 30-in. wide, some slightly soiled, worth up to 7c; Monday 5c

Household Outing Flannels, in fancy checks and stripes, some plaids, expressly for waists, wrappers and Kimonos; delicate shades, a 10c value; for Monday 7½c

Fancy Checked Outing and Domet Flannels, 30 inches wide, dark colorings, excellent for linings; Monday's price 8½c

BLANKETS For Monday

Cotton Blankets—100 pairs full 10-4 cotton blankets, heavy weights, grey and ecru, fancy borders, \$1.25 kind, Gushard's price 79c

White Blankets—A full 11-4 size, white cotton blankets, fancy border, pink and blue bound ends, worth \$1.69; sale price Monday, per pair 98c

Rob Roy Checked Cotton Blankets, white effects only, \$2.00 values; special for Monday \$1.39

Monday's Cloak Special



One Lot Ladies 24 and 27-in. Jackets, made of Melton Cloth, some trimmed, others plain, lined and unlined, have sold up to \$5.00, each Monday \$1.98

Lot Two—75 Jackets for ladies in colors and black, all wanted sizes from 32 to 42; some 24 inches others, 27 in. lined throughout, must be seen to be appreciated; worth up to \$6.98; our price \$2.98

XTRAS FOR MONDAY

49c Each Men's Dark Colored Work Shirts, all sizes, 75c kind, all wanted sizes, special for Monday.

25c A Yard Choice of a large assortment of fancy Ribbons for neck wear, four and five inches wide.

49c A Garment For Men's underwear, drawers and shirts, all sizes, some \$1.00 wool goods in this lot; others fleece lined cotton.

49c Each Boys' and Men's Sweaters, all sizes and colors. They won't last long at this price, Monday.

98c Each Ladies' All wool Shirt Waists, French Back, plaited and plain fronts, any size, worth up to \$2.50; Monday's special.

25c Each Choice of 300 Books that have sold to 50c a copy, all bound Library editions.

25c A Garment Ladies' underwear, Drawers and Vests, some Jersey ribbed cotton, others wool mixed, 50 and 60c values.

\$1.49 Each Couch Covers and Slumber Robes in brown, blue, grey, pink and tan figured special for Monday.

12c Pears' unscented Transparent Soap, always sold at 19c, by A. C. C. druggists.

3 for 10c Castile Soap, Ruby Glycerine Soap, Williams' Shaving Soap, Mountain Violet, Petro Milk Soap.

SPECIAL—50 fine Mercerized Petticoats for ladies, in black and colors, made with accordion plaiting around bottom, worth to \$1.69; Monday 98c

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DENIES NEW TRIAL

Judge Vail Refuses A New Hearing in The Contested Dingman Will Case.

TWO BIG FEES MEN ALLOWED The Hebes Corpus Case—night Session of Court.

Both Judge Vail and Judge Cochran were on the bench in the circuit court at different times Saturday. Before Judge Vail there was an argument on a motion for a new trial in the contested Dingman will case but that motion was overruled.

The principal points on which the motion was urged were that Hillary Beall, who was interested in that he had purchased a part of the real estate formerly owned by the testator, had been permitted to come on the stand and testify as to the mental capacity of James Dingman. It was urged too that an error had been made in permitting a supposition of evidence to be read to the jury as evidence. The trial developed the fact that some time prior to the death James Dingman had been created. The will was contested and the case went to the supreme court where the will was held to be valid. There were some provisions in that will which pleased James Dingman, and he incorporated them in his will. The proponents, in the trial of the Dingman case, held that Dingman was sane to the extent of being able to appreciate the points set forth in the other will and approved them.

It was held that he had read the decision of the supreme court on that case and that the jury might have that fact as one in considering the sanity of the decedent, the supreme court decision was read. The petitioners in the Dingman case held that it was an error to permit the reading of that court decision as evidence.

There was likewise some fault found with the instruction given by the court to the jury but Judge Vail refused a new trial.

The Hebes Corpus Case. The Hebes corpus case was not concluded. There was some testimony offered but the case was then adjourned until Monday when the arguments will be made.

These docket orders were entered:

Chancery. Richard R. Dingman et al vs James B. Dingman et al; bill to set aside Motion for new trial overruled and decreed. Sixty days for certificate of evidence. Proof heard and fee of guard-

an ad item for Robt. P. Vail and James S. Baldwin fixed at \$250 each, to be taxed as costs.

Mattie E. Birks vs. Elmer V. Birks, divorce and injunction. Leave to amend bill.

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The October term will not be finally adjourned until next Saturday at least for on that day Judge Vail will be here to dispose of some motions in cases which were partially heard while he was on the bench earlier in the term.

It is possible that one of the questions he will dispose of will be the Hight-Walker case for in that a motion for a new trial has been entered but there have not yet been any arguments.

CAIRO TO KHARTUM RAILWAY.

Kitchener's Achievement in Building the Great Line of Railroad.

The construction of this railway will always be ranked one of the greatest of Kitchener's achievements in the Sudan. Obligated by limited appropriations to conduct all his operations at the least possible expense, he made use of every remnant of the equipment of Ismail Pasha's unfinished railway, rescuing dismantled engines from dumps, and collecting missing parts from the contents of scrap heaps. Near the Atbara his rails gave out, leaving a break of some distance to a necessary terminus. Every siding which could be spared was taken up, and then, the results being insufficient, the village of Wady Halfa was laid under requisition. Here many of the houses had straw roofs supported by rails taken from the old line. These were summarily appropriated, and after their removal Halfa presented the spectacle of a mushroom western town after a cyclone. But the line was completed.

The greatest obstacle was the all important stretch of 230 miles from Halfa to Abu Hamed, across the neck of the great bend of the Nile, an unbroken expanse of barren desert. The leading engineers of Europe declared it impossible to construct a railway across the tract, arguing that the entire carrying capacity of a train would be taken up by the water supply necessary for the locomotive. Nevertheless, assuming the responsibility, the sirdar ordered the work begun, relying on the indomitable pluck and skill of his subordinates in charge and his own habit of success. Near the middle of the course, at points some fifty miles

apart, wells were sunk, an operation ridiculed by the natives, and with true Kitchener luck water was struck in both instances, so that the train now accomplishes the distance with only two extra water tanks. But all succeeding attempts to find water along the line—and they have been many—have proved fruitless.

It was by means of this railway that the Sudan was conquered. By its construction the long route of nearly 700 miles by way of a river, for long stretches absolutely un navigable for ten or eleven months in the year, and even at flood impracticable save for small whale boats, hauled through the rapids at enormous toil and expense, was exchanged for a short, direct, unobstructed highway, its carrying capacity limited only by the shortcomings of a single pair of rails.—Dr. W. G. Irving in the Century.

HEATING A ROOM FOR \$1 A YEAR.

Ohio Scientist's Invention Threatens to Revolutionize Fuel Question.

A revolution of the fuel question is the result which Colonel William Heckert, the well known scientist of this city, claims his latest invention, the trancheater, will accomplish. If the invention does all that is claimed for it it will certainly startle the scientific world, as did his recent invention, the trimotor.

Colonel Heckert says his invention will heat houses in cold weather and cool them in warm weather. It can also be used for refrigerating purposes and a storage battery to produce lights. Crude oil is the only fuel used, and it is claimed that a room of average size can be heated for only \$1 a year. The plans for the device have been examined and approved by such eminent authorities as Captain Sigbee and Commander Melville of the navy.

The new invention will also generate power and do away with all present theories of locomotion. Its scientific principle is to utilize nine-tenths of the heat, while present motors use about one-tenth. The motor is so constructed that in generating power for the operation of any plant the steam can be sent through the motor as heat, while attached to the motor is a dynamo which generates the electricity for lighting the building. Applied to street cars it will do away with power houses and trolley wires. As applied to vessels it will not only propel but light and heat the ship as well. The Pennsylvania road has been examining the motor and is anxious to see it given a

Fancy Roman Beauty Apples

Every apple perfect; all credit stores get 40c a peck for these; Monday, per peck 29c

1,000 Sacks of

New Corn Meal

Ground in the old-fashioned way; made from new corn; credit stores get 20c; here Monday, 10lb sacks, 15c

KIRK'S CABINET SOAP; seven Bars for— 15c

ARCADE

RUMFORD BAKING POWDER; one lb cans— 21c

15c cans Sliced Table Peaches, Monday 3c

Peruna, 81 50 bottles 71c

Pinkham's Compound, 81 bottles 75c

Rex Tea, 25c packages 14c

Pitcher's Castoria, 33c bottles 23c

10c cans Lye, 98 per cent pure 5c

Dried Fruits

Jumbo Orange Cling Peaches, fine, large, fat, clean fruit; credit stores get 15c for this kind; per lb 10c

Royal Ann Apples, ripe, bright fruit, per lb 10c

California Honey Prunes, sweet rich fruit, 3 lbs for 20c

California Small Prunes, 7 lbs for 25c

Jumbo Santa Clara prunes, fine large fat raisin cured fruit, per pound 10c

Golden Bartlett Pears, large bright halves, per lb 12½c

Cherry Prunes, a beautiful cherry flavored fruit, per lb 15c

Breakfast Foods

Cera Nut Flakes, 2 packages for 25c

Norka Malted Oats, 2 packages for 25c

Ralston Breakfast Food, 2 packages for 25c

Angel Cake Flour, 25c package 19c

Huron Rolled Oats, a fine tumbler in every package, per pkg 10c

Malt Nuts, same as Grape Nuts, per package 10c

Wheatlet, the great food, per package 15c

Pan Cake Flours

Pure old fashioned Buckwheat, 6 pounds 25c

Mrs. Austin's Pancake Flour, 3 pkgs. for 25c

Virginia Sweet or Farmer's Pride pancake flour, per package 10c

Gallon Cans Table Syrup, per gallon 35c

Rock Candy Drops, per gallon 60c

St. Croix Maple Syrup, pure goods, quart bottles 30c

Condensed Mince Meat, 3 packages for 20c

Home Made Mince Meat, the best we ever had, per lb 12½c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

Prime Rib Roasts—Cut from Choice Cattle, per pound 9½c

Pure Kettle Rendered Lard—Special for Saturday, per pound 13½c

Bolting Beef, 5c, 6c and 7c

Roast Beef, 7c, 8c and 9c

Steak, three pounds for 25c

Pork Steak, per pound 12½c

Pork Chops, per pound 12½c

Lard Compound, per pound 12½c

Practical Test.

Professor Kent, the greatest engineering expert of New York, says in his opinion it is one of the greatest inventions of the age. New York capitalists are after the invention, but their overtures have been refused by the owners. Judge Seney of this city is half owner of the patent and has taken out patents covering fourteen countries. The enterprise is now in practical shape to begin the manufacturing

of the motor and a heavily capitalized stock company will soon be organized. —Toledo Blade.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

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FOR EVER 17 YEARS BY MILLIONS OF MOTHERS FOR THEIR CHILDREN WHO SUFFER WITH COUGHS, COLIC, AND IS THE BEST REMEDY FOR DIARRHEA, AND IN BRONCHITIS IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD. Secure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Special Notice.

Beginning with Sunday, January 11, the Rev. G. Taylor Griffith will officiate at a choral Eucharist at All Angels' every Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and will also officiate at the 8:15 a. m. Eucharist and Vespers at 3:30 p. m. as at present. This is made possible since Father Griffith is free from St. John's after Jan. 4, on which day he will officiate at the altar for the last time.

LOCAL AND OTHER GOOD STORIES.

George W. Jenkins, the well known passenger conductor on the Wabash is recognized as a great "josh." When he was trainmaster he was recognized among the trainmen as one of the most rigid disciplinarians that ever held that position.

Charles Malley, another well known passenger conductor, has been waiting ever since Conductor Jenkins was trainmaster, to "tell him about it."

One day last week they met at the register office. Jenkins looked over the bulletin book and joshed Malley, with mock severity cautioning him to carefully scan the bulletins, particularly the last one posted. That was the opportunity that Malley had been waiting for for many months and his Irish wit did not fall him when the time came.

"I read all bulletins, read them carefully," he said. "If I didn't I could never have run a train two years while you was trainmaster."

Among the visiting priests who attended the jubilee celebration at St. James church on Thursday was Rev. They Had Failed Father Zurbenson To Recognize His Brogue.

He is not a story teller in the general acceptance of the term, but he has traveled some and is one of the most delightful talkers in telling of his travels that it is possible to meet.

During the summer of 1900 he and Rev. Father Poestner of Staunton visited the holy land. After reaching the orient they donned the garb of the country and at a distance they might easily have been mistaken for Arabs. They went to Jaffa, expecting to meet only natives. They visited the hospices St. Francis and while there noticed an aged monk who went among the Arabs and addressed them in their native tongue.

Finally the monk overheard the tourists conversing in English and approaching them said, "Pardon me. You speak English. Are you Englishmen?" They answered his questions, explaining who and what they were and then in rapid succession the monk fired vol-

ley after volley of questions. At last Father Zurbenson managed to get in the question, addressed to the monk, "who and what are you? Where did you come from?"

There was a merry twinkle in the eye of the old monk when he answered, assuming a brogue he had all but forgotten, "be jabbers can't you tell an Irishman from Cork when you see one?"

Sure enough he was an Irishman who had for more than forty years been in that land, far from his native heath, seeking to spread the faith among the Arabs and ministering to the wants of those Christians who came that way.

A Decatur man, well known in railroad circles, stalked into his domicile early last week, with a tragic air carrying two mysterious packages under his arms.

Calling his wife to witness, he calmly removed the wrappers and produced two boxes of cigars. "Why!" exclaimed the lady of the house, "I was going to get you cigars for Christmas myself!"

The gentleman slowly extracted one of the weeds from the bunch and lighted it as coolly as William Gillette in "Secret Service." Then turning to his spouse with a triumphant smile, he replied, "I knew you were. That's why I got these."

She was neatly but not elaborately dressed. In spite of her pretty, fresh face, it was easy to see that she was a well merited Rebuke That Cut Three Men.

Some Bright Sayings of the Little Children.

John Barker Explains His New Honor To Clerk.

Peoria Girl Was Willing To Tackle It Anyway.

There is a story among some of the fellows on the Wabash about a thing which once happened during a Was the Engineer A Little Bit Sarcastic.

A West Main street high school girl is mad at her father, that is she thinks she is mad notwithstanding her many handsome presents on Christmas and always looking after her happiness and comfort.

Think He Father is a Mean Old Thing.

He was a little chubby fellow two years and some months old and he doesn't live more than a thousand miles from the Herald office. He was sitting on the floor the other day laughing and overflowing with baby health and good nature, when a lady friend of the mother's dropped in. Stopping over the little cherub in true womanly fashion, she went into raptures over him.

"O you sweet little fellow! Dearie, you've got awfully pretty dimples." (Pats him on the cheek.)

The little urchin looked up into her eyes with a "that's nothing" expression on his face and announced, "Oo fink so? Oo des ought to see one on my tummkie."

Smile and the world smiles with you; ride on the water wagon and you'll do your own driving.

At a west end musicale recently was a young woman from Peoria with a robust soprano voice who did most of the entertaining. She was very proud of her accomplishments and her musical education. She sang songs in German, Italian, French and English. When she appeared to have exhausted her repertory and the company present were wishing for a change in the program she was paid some compliments by an admirer who added:

"Why, Miss Jones, I think you could sing ad infinitum."

"I really don't know it," responded the obliging young woman, "but if the music is here, I'll try it."

He was a large man, and his bosom swelled with pride as he stepped to the desk and registered. It was evident that he knew he was a man of distinction.

The clerk glanced at the name and was puzzled. "Haven't you stopped with us before, Mr. Barker?" asked the clerk.

"Dozens of times," answered the large man.

"I thought I recognized you," said the clerk; "but there seems to have been a change in your name."

"There has been," asserted the large man; "a most important change."

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WOES OF THE MANAGER

"Now what do you think of that," said Manager Winter of the Grace Hayward company the other day as he finished reading a letter from a Decatur girl who wanted to go on the stage. "I get these letters in every town we go to and that is not all. I am in trouble all the time with aspiring playrights. Recently in a town we visited a woman called on me and announced that she had a play which would be a winner. I could not dodge leading it. She told me confidentially that it was part of a story of her own life. The story was in effect that a married woman was in love with another man and was seeking to gain her liberty once more. She had a good deal of trouble getting rid of her husband but finally succeeded in having him sent to the Philippine war and lost overboard in a storm during the passage of the ship. There was a negro character called 'Rastus'. To draw her out and ascertain what she knew about theatrical business I asked her which character was the lead. She did not know any more than a rabbit. Then I suggested that 'Rastus' would be first rate and she said that would be just lovely. This girl here wants to go on the stage. She thinks that is all that is necessary. Her ambition is not to declaim lines and run the gamut of human passion by the strong force of fiery acting and emotional intensity, but she wants to be a contortionist. She admits that she can't 'contort' but she thinks she can learn. We will have to pass her up, I guess."

"It looks easy from the parquet, but it is not so easy as viewed from the box office or the stage," continued Manager Winter. "Take a company like this, for instance, there is a business side and a life that is certainly strenuous, for the manager, at least. There are times, several times each week, when a manager feels like he would prefer going straight up to going straight ahead."

"This is known as a popular priced company. The idea is apt to be gained from that fact that it is a cheap affair. Any one who will tackle the financial end for a week will have his mind speedily disabused. Ferris' companies have an established reputation. They are profitable to their owner and hire a better grade of talent than most of the repertoire companies on the road. Here we have had good business. Two hundred-dollar houses, which means big attendance

at the prices, have been common. That looks like we ought to roll in dough, but there is another side of the ledger that must always be taken into consideration. First there comes the percent of the local manager, then there is the royalty that must be paid on the plays and then there is the railroad item, and the paper and last and the greatest of all is the salaries. It cost me two hundred dollars railroad fare to get my company of twenty-two people to this city. That was an exceptional week. The usual expense is about \$70 for we try to make short jumps. There is an expense of forty to fifty dollars for the 'paper.' Our salary list runs up to nearly six hundred dollars a week. By the time we figure in everything the expense of a company like this is eight hundred dollars weekly. If we had two hundred-dollar houses every night we would make a barrel of money. Some times for a week at a stretch we play to losing business, and the money saved from a successful engagement like this one is eaten up in paying the deficit, for the expense never ends. However, this company is making money. It averages up in the season and makes a nice little weekly profit for the owner."

"Theatrical people are paid off every Tuesday. That is the regulation day. There is a well founded impression that it is unwise to pay Saturday. There is more liability of a man jumping his contract than there is where he has gone into the next week. The question of salaries is governed largely by the ability and reputation of an actor. Ours run all the way from twenty to seventy-five dollars a week. That looks big for a small company, but it is with the manager, all that comes in is not clear. They must provide their own wardrobe and personal 'props.' This is a considerable item. Actresses are only women after all and the majority of them are willing to spend nearly everything they make on wardrobe. These wardrobes are no inconsiderable item, especially in repertoire companies, where eight and nine bills are given a week. Some plays require two or three gowns a night. We pay the railway transportation and for the baggage, but we no longer contract for hotel bills. Each member pays his own board just as any other person would. 'Theatrical people are notoriously jealous. We never tell the amount of

salary that any particular person is getting, and they don't tell each other. The trouble is that if one actress knew that another got \$75 per week she would want as much on the theory that she was 'just as good.' They all think that they are just as good. Outside of this there is the jealousy on the stage which is constantly keeping a manager in hot water. The changing of a word at the end of a sentence results in spilling a scene. This is frequently done through malice. For instance the leading lady delivers a sentence after which there should be a pause, as it is one of the points that the audience is expected to approve and applaud. The person opposite in the cast cuts in at once with his lines, and there is no change for the welcome 'hand' that has been counted on, or preceding this point the dialogue may be so changed at the end that the leading woman is diverted from making her play. For this reason a manager must know every play so well that he can tell if the dialogue is being garbled. He must know this not to settle all these seemingly trivial disputes between the members but in order that the members of the company do not 'fake' words on him. There is sometimes a proneness to do this."

"Then there is the trouble about the dressing rooms. It don't make any difference what company it is the stars consider that they have certain rights which must be rigidly observed. They consider these rights inherent. The leading lady must have the best dressing room, the second 'business woman' must have the next. Then comes the leading man and the stage manager and after them the wobbles and so on down through the list."

"You are always up against the possibility of having a member of the company take sick or get drunk on you. Luckily we have a bunch now that don't do the latter, but the possibility of sickness is always present. Sometimes it is so sudden that you have to act quick. In St. Joe, Mo., recently a member of the company became suddenly ill just as the curtain went up. In the first act we consolidated his part with that of another and one man spoke them both through that act. It was simply cutting out the one part and the audience did not really know the difference. During the progress of that act we had another man at work upon the part of the sick man and by the time the curtain went up on the second act he was ready to go on, having memorized the words in that short time. This looks like an impossible feat but it is not so hard as it appears. The man who was called upon to prepare for the part had heard it spoken over and over again during the season and when he began his task he had a well defined idea of the requirements so that it did not take him long to drill the words into his memory."

POSTOFFICE CLASSIFICATION.

How the Department Divides Them—Compensation of the Postmasters.

"The best actor to have on your staff, providing he has any ability at all, is the one who never has anything more than his weekly salary coming. He is apt to stick. The 'profehs' is likely to get chisty when they have a few dollars to the good. Managers of the country have no blacklist now for actors who violate contracts, but they will be forced to it as a matter of self-protection. The established rule is a two-weeks' notice from either side."

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"It is quite surprising the number of letters the postoffice department will receive during the course of a year from all sections of the country making inquiry as to the different 'uses' of postoffices; what they are, how they are advanced from class to class, the salaries and compensations of postmasters in the different grades and the process of 'relegating' presidential postoffices back to the fourth class and other queries along this line," said an old postoffice inspector recently.

"It is possible to give this information in a succinct and comprehensive form. While there are three classes of presidential postoffices, the department in the preparation of its appointment papers divides all postoffices into but two classes—presidential and fourth class."

"A presidential office is an office where the salary of the postmaster amounts to not less than \$250 per quarter for four consecutive quarters, and the gross receipts for the same time amounts to \$1,900. When an office has paid the above amount for four consecutive quarters and the gross receipts have amounted to \$1,900 or more it is then advanced to the presidential class."

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Simplified spelling has been declared for by the Illinois State Teachers' association. Everybody should be for it. It is a platform on which all should be able to stand without dissension. Any old system that will get the people together on the correct spelling of words certainly calls for the encouragement of those who have been up against the spelling of the finished school product, or even the college product. The association is not radical in the step taken. It is very conservative, having contented itself with an endorsement of the plan of the National Educational association. It has merely taken a step in advance, and does not propose a radical innovation but hopes to lead up to a gradual change in the system which will make it possible to secure more correct spelling of certain classes of words that now trip the pupils and others. The resolution adopted declares for the "amelioration of spelling to conform with the simplified spelling as adopted by the National Educational association."

Even this step was not taken until after a hard battle with the old-fashioned educators desiring to stick to the system, that has been in vogue for many years, but the advocates of the new plan had the satisfaction of knowing that they won over a number of men and women who had previously opposed any monkeying with the orthography handed down from time immemorial.

In the beginning not many words are affected. They are as follows, the old and the new methods being given:

Though—Tho.
Although—Altho.
Programme—Program.
Thoroughfare—Thortofare.
Through—Thru.
Throughout—Thruout.
Catalogue—Catalog.
Prologue—Prolog.
Decalogue—Decalog.
Demagogue—Demagog.
Pedagogue—Pedagog.

These resolutions do not go to the extent of declaring that the new system shall be taught in schools and colleges, but declare that all official matter of the association shall conform to the new system. It is also advised that the system shall be used in educational journals and periodicals. As regards the employment of the new system in colleges and schools the resolutions simply point out that it would be wise to encourage its use in these institutions of learning.

The question arises whether the recognized authorities will follow in the

wake of this movement or whether the person in doubt will accept the teachers' plan as authoritative.

Then there is another and more far-reaching question which time alone can determine. It is whether the boy or girl who can not now learn to spell "though" will ever be able to spell it "tho." One is just as apt to be hard for him as the other. It is just possible that the teachers got their idea from some of their students and that the pupils are in reality the leaders in this reform. The idea is suggested by the fact that pupils from high schools have been known to spell rough "ruff." Evidently they were unintentional reformers.

The Lord Mayor and the Schnorrer.

A good story is told by the Jewish World respecting Sir Marcus Samuel's dealings with a clever schnorrer, which, whether true or not, is worth recording. Thinking that in consequence of Sir M. Samuel's proud elevation he had a special claim on his lordship's bounty, the schnorrer called at his private residence and asked to see the lord mayor. "What do you want him for?" sternly asked the janitor, eyeing the dilapidated visitor. "Tell his lordship the Almighty's brother-in-law wants to see him," was the audacious message. Having no retort at hand, the footman introduced the schnorrer with this singular message. "What do you mean by calling yourself the Almighty's brother-in-law?" asked the lord mayor in surprise. "Well, you see," was the answer, with a faint ghost of a grin, "during my travels I met two sisters; one I took and the other the Almighty took: am I not the Almighty's brother-in-law." The schnorrer left the house with more than he bargained for.

A Significant Fact.

One strong evidence of good sense and cool judgment is to be found in the fact that the Venezuelan affair, with all the labored efforts to magnify it into a cause of war, has not had the least influence on the money market at home or abroad. Sensible men of finance could not be persuaded by journalistic hysterics that the Emperor William of Germany so much coveted Venezuelan territory with its 'greaser' inhabitants as to excite a general war under pretense of enforcing the payment of debts to his subjects. The sensation was too shallow and flat for sober consideration, and the business of the world has kept on in its wonted ways. —Philadelphia Record

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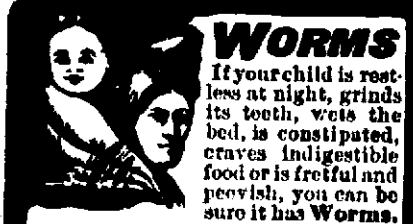
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AS A CONTRAST

The Courage of Cleveland and Roosevelt is Contrasted—Former Flared Up at England.

BUT YIELDED TO WOMEN.

Roosevelt ignores Attack of Latter to Do As He Pleases.

We hear no public expression of doubt of President Roosevelt's courage, because he has played no such sensational part in this Venezuelan difficulty as President Cleveland played in that of seven years ago, says the Minneapolis Tribune. Should any such doubt arise, we fancy that the president's friends will meet it by citing another case in which he has shown far more courage than Grover Cleveland. Almost any average American might dare the embattled navy of Great Britain in the assurance of a good cause and complete command of the British food supply. But it takes courage of an exceptional order to face a body of crusading women, writing letters by the thousand upon a matter that does not concern them.

George Frederick Watts, the greatest contemporary English artist, sent to the Chicago exposition one of his most beautiful pictures, called "Love and Life." It represents two youthful figures, a boy and a girl, in the costume of the Venus of Medici, but otherwise as free from any improper suggestion as the most saintly Madonna and child. Mr. Watts is too great a painter to make commerce of his pictures, and he presented this painting, after the exposition, to the government of the United States, as he had given many pictures to the British galleries for public exhibition. It was hung in the White House soon after Cleveland's election and its marvelous beauty caused it to be generally photographed and engraved.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New York has a so-called "purity in art and literature" committee, which makes it its business to demand that wax models in show windows be properly clothed and that statues on public buildings should expose neither limbs nor bosoms. This purity committee decided from the newspaper reproductions that the Watts picture was immoral, and started a popular agitation to drive it out of the White House. They got affiliated bodies to write letters on the "chain" principle, which increases its geometrical proportion, until President and Mrs. Cleveland were fairly buried under an avalanche of protest. The letters were dumped into the fire without counting, but the women say that 12,000 of them were written. Mr. Cleveland could not stand it. He surrendered at discretion and the picture was sent to the Corcoran art gallery.

There it hung, contaminating the public instead of Grover Cleveland all through his administration and McKinley's, till the White House was remodeled and redecorated for Roosevelt's big family. The Roosevelts know something about art, and Mrs. Roosevelt changed the relative station of a lot of pictures. One of the first things she did was to bring "Love and Life" back from the Corcoran and hang it in her private sitting room. The purity committee heard of it and the bombardment of letters has begun again, though they are coming singly, as the multiplying chain has not begun to work. Most of them have been sent to Mrs. Roosevelt so far, but she has inspired the announcement that she needs no advice as to the decoration of her sitting room, and the letter writers have begun on the president. This has brought the inspired statement from him in turn that the letters will be burned unread and that the picture will stay where it is. We imagine that nobody will doubt Theodore Roosevelt's courage after this.

A Lady's Age.
This candid confession has been received in Washington from some one whose name the clerk of the joint committee on printing refuses to divulge: "Joint Committee on Printing, the Capitol—Gentlemen: Please do not give the date of papa's marriage in next edition of the congressional directory. I am the eldest daughter and the date given is a clean give-away for me, as I am not married. All the boys look up the date and then calculate. Papa promised to attend to this for me before the first edition came out, but says he forgot it. I do not think any end of the government can be served by thus giving away my age, so please attend to it. Yours respectfully."—Kansas City Star.

Confederacy's First Officer.
The oldest living ex-Confederate in point of receiving his commission is Colonel Henry D. Capers, a brother of Bishop Capers of South Carolina. He received his commission on February 18, 1861, the day Davis was inaugurated. C. C. Memminger of South Carolina was commissioned secretary of the treasury. The other members of the Confederate cabinet were commissioned four days later. The commissions on the 18th were the first issued, and Colonel Capers, being the sole survivor of those entering the Confederate service that day, is the senior by commission of all Confederates.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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LA GRANDE CHARTREUSE.

The Famous Monastery Founded by St. Bruno Ends Its Career.

In a few days probably, La Grande Chartreuse will be deserted, and the famous monastery founded by St. Bruno in the eleventh century, will be given over to silence and solitude. The monks have accepted the decision of the government that they must go, and presently they will depart to Spain where a new Chartreuse has already been built. Thither they will carry the secrets of the precious liquor which has rejoiced the palates of mankind for so long a period.

The government has given a somewhat odd reason for refusing the authorization to this order. The brethren who give themselves to contemplation have already departed; those that remain are connected with a commercial enterprise that needs no authorization; therefore none will be given. It is not a decision upon which M. Combes can be congratulated from any point of view. The monastery has continued to pay the revenue large sums of money every year for the manufacture of their liquor. The duty last year represented \$200,000, and, in addition to that, they have paid rent for the Grand Chartreuse, which since the revolution has belonged to the state.

That is the material side, which should be sufficiently appealing nowadays, with the exchequer at such low water. But there is the "moral damage" to be calculated, too. The country where the Chartreux have conducted their order, in the fair valley of the Isere, has been accustomed for years to the unbounded charity of the brotherhood. They have been foremost in every good work; they have nursed the sick, they have comforted and supported the wounded in this life, they have befriended the orphan, and brought bread to the doors of the poor. They have carried on a great work among the deaf and the dumb. In the management of their establishment they have been generous to a degree, providing their aged servants with handsome pensions.

Something of the feeling with which the neighborhood heard of the intentions of M. Combes may be gathered from the fact that a petition with a hundred thousand signatures attached, and bearing the approval of the Chamber of Commerce and other representative bodies of Grenoble, has been dispatched to Paris; while the glass blowers of St. Galmier have sent several of their workfellows on a similar mission of protest.

The departure of the monks will mean a great loss to the whole neighborhood of this interesting religious factory. Many families find their sole sustenance under the monks, and, considering that 14,000 tourists visit the establishment each year where they are fed and lodged for the night, the diminution in income to the railway and local tramway are items to be considered in the debit balance. Altogether M. Combes has been unhappy as he could well be in bringing about this exodus of the cowed manufacturers.

Acts of the administration in France are not challenged in the disinterested spirit that happily characterizes the criticisms of the opposition at Westminster. Thus M. Combes has not waited long to be told in the chamber what is really behind his edict against the Chartreux. They had hoped to save themselves by keeping their distillery; it is just that which has led to their expulsion from France. The liquor of the monks enters into competition with the products of Cognac. Now M. Combes is seeking the suffrages of the senatorial college of Charante Inferieure, the land of eaux de vie. If Chartreuse is driven out of the country there will be a greater chance for fine champagne. Political honesty, however, compels the statement that M. Combes is not in the slightest danger of losing his seat as senator, quite apart from the question of the monks of La Grande Chartreuse. Seven hundred out of the thousand electors of the college are pledged in his favor. Nevertheless, the expulsion of this thriving community is generally regarded as an economic and a political blunder. Tradition has linked the manufacture to the spot for many years; its removal brings distress upon a numerous people, not to speak of the wound which those who like to dine well have received in their lawful appetites.—Paris Letter.

BOARING PIKES STILL USED.

English Men of War Are Supplied With These Implements.

In spite of rams and torpedoes and quick firing guns, the boarding pike is still issued to English men of war. The secretary to the admiralty stated in the commons the other day that the historic weapon had been supplied to the Good Hope, on which Mr. Chamberlain sailed for South Africa. There was some irreverent laughter, but Mr. Arnold-Foster explained that the pikes were "issued not as weapons but for use for miscellaneous purposes on board ship. As they were found to be useful it was considered preferable to continue to issue those in stock rather than break them up or sell them." Mr. Gibson Bowles inquired: "Are they not chiefly useful for gardening purposes?" "Not at sea," replied Mr. Arnold-Foster.

Don't Worry.
This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help one matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough remedy and use it judiciously and all causes for worry will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. For sale by all druggists.

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FEMALE TROUBLE.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 22.
My wife, was seriously affected for two years and for six months preceding November last had been constantly under medical care, but never free from pain, which at times was so excruciating as to give her spasms. She has been treated by Dr. Howell for only one month and is now free from pain and gaining in every way. She has no more spasms. We are both highly pleased and heartily recommend Dr. Howell and his methods.

H. C. BOONE,
Electrician,
1059 St. Louis Ave.

RHEUMATISM.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 22.
To Whom It May Concern:
I have been doctoring with Dr. Howell three months. I was all run down, almost unable to work; had a hacking cough, no appetite, and pains all through me. I have received so much benefit that I am only too glad to give Dr. Howell this recommendation. My many friends see by my looks what the results are.

KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Dec. 20, 1902.
I have suffered greatly from rheumatism and tried many remedies. In November I had an attack of kidney trouble and lumbarago. I consulted Dr. Howell; he treated me and relieved me in a short time. I am steadily getting better, although now past 79 years of age. I have lived here since 1854.

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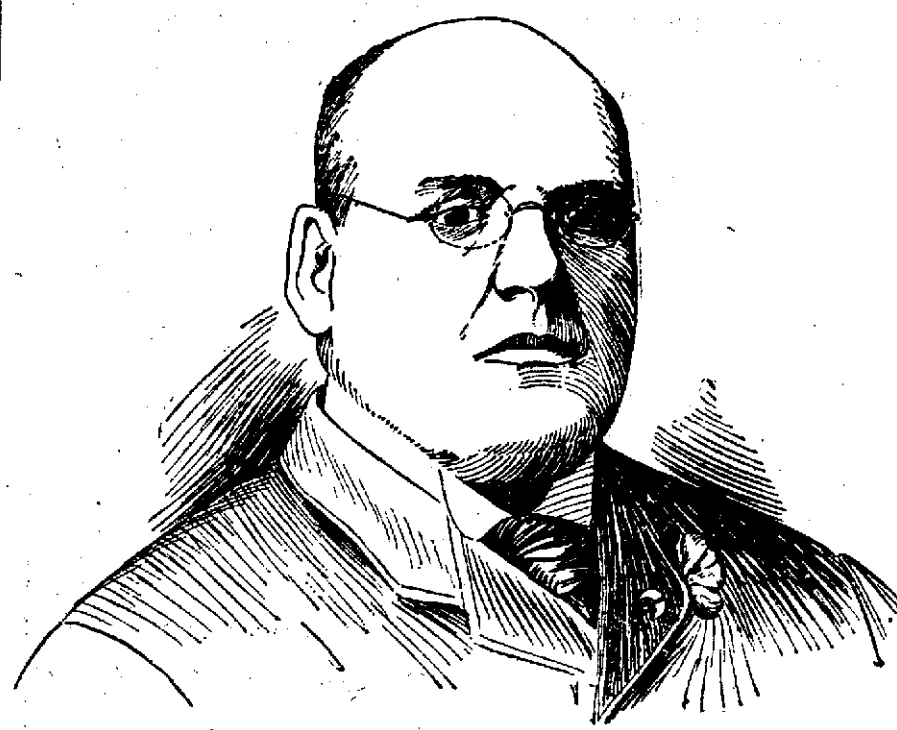
Dr. Howell never accepts a case unless he knows to a certainty the cause of the trouble, and this can only be determined by a scientific X-Ray examination. His X-Ray outfit is the most elaborate and complete in this country. By his special Fluoroscopic attachment he is able to examine all parts of the body and find out to an absolute certainty the cause of the patient's affliction. Come and be examined; it is absolutely free.

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Dr. Howell comes from the Quaker City, Philadelphia, having been established there eleven years.

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A GREAT GROWTH

In the Business of the Local Postoffice During the Past Few Years.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Shows Total Receipts of Over \$70,000—Big Money Order Business.

The increase of the business of a local postoffice is a fair index to the prosperity of the community. The business of the Decatur postoffice for the year 1902 shows a substantial increase over the previous year. The figures for the year have just been compiled and shows the total postal receipts is \$70,328.24. In addition to this the office has received and disbursed during the year in money order business \$276,762.80.

The following table of receipts for several years will show a creditable increase in the office each year since 1896:

1896 \$46,255.70
1897 47,344.06
1898 50,828.31
1899 53,855.99
1900 58,032.52
1901 63,255.02
1902 70,328.24

It will be noted that the greatest increase during this period was in 1902 which amounts to \$7,073.24 or nearly 12 per cent.

The expenses of the office including salaries, rent and miscellaneous amounted to \$27,250.20 for the year which leaves a profit of \$43,078.06.

The receipts of the office for 1891 were \$36,601.13 showing that the business of the office has practically doubled in the last ten years.

Money Orders.
The money order business presents an equally good condition. The receipts and disbursements for the years 1901 and 1902 follow:

1902. Orders issued.
Domestic \$75,325.99
Fees 719.93
International 2,262.52
Fees 81.30
Received as depositary 198,423.06

Total \$276,762.80

Orders Paid.
Domestic \$193,528.53
International 1,025.27
Balance remitted 82,199.00

Total \$276,762.80

Orders issued \$71,159.59
Received as depositary 190,337.83

Total \$261,497.40
Orders paid \$184,896.42
Balance remitted 76,601.00

Total \$261,497.42

It will be seen that the increase of the money order business during the year is \$15,265.38.

It is worthy of note that this business has been done without the loss of a dollar.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

For the Month of December, Showing Receipts, Expenditures and Balances.

At the first council meeting of the new calendar year, Comptroller H. F. Robbins will present his December report as follows:

Receipts.
Water rents \$ 427.39
Justice peace fines 138.90
Pawnbroker license 25.00
Scavenger license 10.00
Wagon license 5.00
Old brick sold 5.25
Peddler license 5.00
Billiard license 5.00
Dirt sold 3.40
Fees 3.00
Dog license 2.00
Old brick sold 80

Total \$ 631.74
Street paving collected 4,162.40

Total collected 4,794.14

Expenditures.
Library \$ 922.26
Fire 4,830.94
Contingent 22.30
Street and alley 61.30
Light 485.88
Police 1,568.54
Water 90.75
Health 104.01
Cleaning streets 824.99
Salary 1,543.20
Public Improvement 110.98
Sidewalks and crossings 364.20
Repairing paved streets 5.00
Law 27.82
Cleaning crossings 27.82

Total \$12,622.76

Balances.
Public Improvement \$ 8,073.32
Water 9,013.04
Fire 12,927.60
Police 6,777.24
Salary 3,299.96
Light 1,607.05
Street and alley 176.93
Cleaning streets 2,384.09
Repairing paved street 124.57
Interest 1,500.00
Sidewalks and crossings 90,000.00
Cleaning crossings 985.10
Contingent 238.65
Park 1,000.00
Health 523.17
Law 458.56
Rent 1,522.15
Time warrant fund 90,000.00

Total \$12,622.76

Public Improvement.
Organist—Miss Ida Huff.
Asst. Organist—Mrs. J. O. Johnson.
Chorister—Miss Maggie Rixse.
Teachers—Rev. E. N. Sandifur, Rev. Jas. Hobbs, J. O. Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Miss Kittie Crankshaw, Mrs. D. N. Smith, Mrs. Jas. Hobbs, Miss Leona DeGrat, Mrs. Ida Cline, A. Clother, Mrs. A. Clother, Miss Ida Huff, Miss Leva Ashton, Miss Sadie Rixse, Miss Myra Screeton, Mrs. S. A. Spence.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.
Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferguson Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by all druggists.

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NEARBY TOWNS

Maroa.
Sheriff Thrift attended the K. P. banquet on New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fry of Decatur attended the funeral of Abraham Long on Wednesday.

Misses Maude James and Emma Cooper spent the week with friends in Clinton.

Mrs. Harry Gambrel of Clinton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Huff this week.

Misses Blanche and Marguerite Lienhart of Emery visited Miss Nina Ross last Wednesday.

Miss Racie Parker left for Chicago on Monday last to resume her work at the conservatory of music.

C. L. Jones visited friends in Clinton last Thursday.

Will Biddle of Decatur attended the K. of P. banquet on New Year's eve.

Frank Schenck and wife visited friends in Mt. Pulaski on New Year's day.

Ed Grady and wife of Wichita visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Grady last week.

Miss Bernice Crocker of Springfield, who spent the holidays with friends in Maroa returned to her home on Wednesday. She was accompanied by Miss Elsie Crocker of Maroa.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Edmiston and Miss Harriet Potter attended a party at Clinton last Monday evening.

Mrs. W. P. Hoover and son Wayne of Macon are visiting friends in Maroa. A horse belonging to Peter Koons died last week at the age of 32 years.

Mr. Koons had owned him for the last 26 years.

Col. F. H. Bissell of Dayton, Ohio, is visiting Maroa friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schaeffer visited friends in Clinton on New Year's day.

John Williams and wife of Weldon visited friends in Maroa on New Year's day.

Miss Jennie Ford who is teaching near Chicago is spending her vacation with home folks near Maroa.

Mrs. Joe Liston and daughter Daphne of Bluefield, Mo., are visiting friends in Maroa.

Guy Creel has gone to the Mud Springs in Indiana to try the treatment for rheumatism.

Ben S. Miller of Maroa and Miss Minnie E. Hoffman of Dewitt were married in St. Louis last Saturday. They are now on their wedding trip in the south.

Miss Mattie and Louis Sterling entertained a number of their friends on New Year's evening.

Another case of scarlet fever is reported in the family of Zeph Hitt.

Geo. W. Woy of Clinton was in Maroa on Friday.

J. B. Austin visited friends in Clinton on Monday last.

Mrs. Ella Gaines of Barry, who was called here to attend the funeral of S. C. Crowell returned to her home on Wednesday.

The city news stand will be moved in a few days into the building lately occupied as the Times office.

Jan. 2.

Mt. Zion.
Judd Traugher and Robt. Fletcher went to Chicago last Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Steinbaugh of Chicago visited with friends here last Saturday.

Billie Traugher and wife are proud parents of a baby girl.

Peach and Bill Junkins of Decatur have started a barber shop in the republican hall.

Charley Myer of Dalton City spend Christmas with friends here.

Miss Mary Sullivan spent Christmas with friends in Moultrie county.

W. B. Hunter has returned from Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper entertained a number of their friends at the home of Mrs. D. V. Fletcher's Wednesday, Dec. 31, at a watch party. The evening was spent in games. Music and supper served at seasonable hour.

Each person was asked to compose a verse of four lines with the word "watch" in it and a prize was offered for the best and poorest. Miss Mollie Hines received first prize and Dean McGaughey last prize. Those present were Misses Virgie Scott, Gladys Smith, Eldred McGaughey, Mollie Hines, Estella Riber, and Carroll Outten, John Hines, Herb. Broughton.

Jan. 3.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.
Elected For the Year by the North Main Street Methodist Church.

The officers of the Sunday school board of North Main street M. E. church met Friday night and elected the following officers for the Sunday school for the ensuing year as follows:

Supt.—H. S. Gebhart.
Asst. Supt.—J. O. Johnson.
Secretary—J. D. Cline.
Asst. Secretary—Ray Parrish.
Treasurer—Rev. James Hobbs.
Librarians—Roy Johnson, Jessie Gebhart.

Organist—Miss Ida Huff.
Asst. Organist—Mrs. J. O. Johnson.
Chorister—Miss Maggie Rixse.
Teachers—Rev. E. N. Sandifur, Rev. Jas. Hobbs, J. O. Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Miss Kittie Crankshaw, Mrs. D. N. Smith, Mrs. Jas. Hobbs, Miss Leona DeGrat, Mrs. Ida Cline, A. Clother, Mrs. A. Clother, Miss Ida Huff, Miss Leva Ashton, Miss Sadie Rixse, Miss Myra Screeton, Mrs. S. A. Spence.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.
Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferguson Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by all druggists.

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Annual Sale of Household Linens



Monday morning we shall begin that great annual sale of Household Linens to which the housewives of Decatur and vicinity have learned to look forward, and shall display for your approval the most complete assortment we have ever shown. With the experience of thirty-five years of successful merchandising to guide us, we have made the preparations for this great sale with a full knowledge of the requirements of our thousands of patrons, and having gone into the market at a time when business with the weavers was light have been able to secure every concession in price; the benefits of which, in accordance with our invariable custom, we shall be glad to share with our patrons. An early visit to our linen section before the lines are broken, is earnestly advised. Note these bargains:

TABLE DAMASKS—68 inch Bleached Damask in five beautiful patterns of spot and floral designs. A regular 65c quality for per yard.... **47c**

60 inch pure linen German Damask, bleached, in spot, dice and floral designs. An elegant very heavy cloth worth 70c, for per yard **53c**

70 inch all pure linen Bleached Irish Damask in five beautiful and exclusive patterns, one of the handsomest 75c values ever shown in Decatur. Linen sale price per yard **60c**

68 inch pure linen Bleached Damask in 5 exclusive patterns. An exceptional 85c grade of Irish Damask, and a choice bargain at the Linen sale price of per yard **66c**

72 inch Irish all linen Damask, extra heavy, full bleached, spot and floral patterns, never sold at less than \$1.10. This sale, per yard **85c**

72 inch pure Irish Linen Damask, beautiful finish, fine and heavy. An excellent wearing cloth at the regular price of per yard **97c**

68 inch Bleached Linen Dice Damask, especially good for hotels and restaurants. It launders well and is a splendid cloth for wear. Sells regularly at 75c, but for this sale the price is per yard **58c**

Napkins to match at per dozen **85c**

Very fine 72 inch all-linen Bleached Irish Damask in new and exclusive designs, an exceptional value which we usually sell at \$1.75, per yard this sale **\$1.45**

66 inch Cream Damask, a regular 35c value for per yard **25c**

58 inch Cream Damask with fast red border, an extra 50c value for per yard **38c**

72 inch Cream Bleached Damask, a regular 65c grade in beautiful patterns, per yard **48c**

Elegant heavy, 72 inch Cream Bleached Damask in beautiful patterns: a regular 65c value for per yard **48c**

Very heavy and elegant 72 inch all-linen Cream Bleached German Damask in handsome patterns, a grade that we have always sold at \$1.00 per yard. This sale per yard **73c**

72 inch all-linen Cream Irish Damask, extra heavy good wearing cloth not usually sold at less than \$1.25. Per yard this sale **92c**

58 inch Turkey Red Damask worth 35c for 27c; worth 40c for 30c; worth 60c for per yard **45c**

60 inch Turkey Red Damask worth 75c, for per yard **60c**

60 inch Turkey Red and Green Damask worth 95c for per yard **80c**

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That Graniteware Sale so many are waiting for occurs Monday, Jan. 5, 1903. Every piece is of the same beautiful color; every piece is of first quality (no seconds), and the prices are less than wholesale. Why? The factory needed the money and accepted our cash offer.

Don't Forget!!

To come early; extra salespeople to attend your wants at prices that will pay you to come many miles. There's enough here, all staple kinds—Tea Kettles, Coffee Pots, Dish Pans, Preserving Kettles, Water Buckets—every kind in

This Sale!!!

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Coffee Pots, All Sizes

1 1/2 quart, worth 45c, sale price	34c
2 quart, worth 50c, sale price	39c
3 quart, worth 55c, sale price	42c
4 quart, worth 60c, sale price	48c
5 quart, worth 65c, sale price	53c

Tea Pots, All Sizes

1 quart, worth 40c, sale price	32c
1 1/2 quart, worth 45c, sale price	34c
2 quart, worth 50c, sale price	38c
3 quart, worth 55c, sale price	42c

Coffee Boilers, All Sizes

6 quart, worth 70c, sale price	58c
7 quart, worth 85c, sale price	66c
8 quart, worth 95c, sale price	78c

Rice Boilers, All Sizes

2 pint inside, worth 68c, sale price	54c
4 pint inside, worth 85c, sale price	68c
6 pint inside, worth 1.25, sale price	88c

Seamless Water Pails

10 quart, worth 75c, sale price	59c
12 quart, worth \$1.00, sale price	74c

Preserving Kettles, All Sizes

2 1/2 quart, worth 24c, sale price	18c
3 quart, worth 28c, sale price	20c
4 quart, worth 32c, sale price	24c
5 quart, worth 35c, sale price	27c
6 quart, worth 40c, sale price	32c
7 1/2 quart, worth 50c, sale price	38c
10 quart, worth 60c, sale price	48c
12 quart, worth 70c, sale price	58c

Dish Pans, All Sizes

10 quart, worth 70c, sale price	48c
14 quart, worth 70c, sale price	58c
17 quart, worth 80c, sale price	68c
21 quart, worth 90c, sale price	78c

Pudding Pans, All Sizes

1 quart, worth 14c, sale price	10c
1 1/2 quart, worth 17c, sale price	12c
2 quart, worth 20c, sale price	14c
3 quart, worth 24c, sale price	17c
4 quart, worth 28c, sale price	19c
5 quart, worth 30c, sale price	21c
6 quart, worth 35c, sale price	24c

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115 Coffee Pots—2-quart, 3-quart, 4-quart, 5-quart, worth 50c to \$1.00, at...	29c
50 Water Buckets—seamless, three-coated, first quality—worth 85c each; while they last	39c
36 Rice Boilers, covers fit each part to enable you to use parts separately; worth 67c; sale	39c
200 Cups, assorted sizes, and Granite Kettle Lids, worth up to 20c; pick	8c

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At first I used a sort of screw to pull limbs into their places, but it was too rough and I gave that up and now use the hands alone, though in difficult cases the limbs are prepared for the operation by means of weights that pull them, some of them being as heavy as eighty pounds.

Though the treatment of the child's malformed or misjointed limb may appear to the layman to be very severe, and though a great deal of force is certainly applied in tearing the muscles that bind the bones in the false position, yet when the child awakes from the ether it feels no pain. Recovery from the immediate effects of the operation is very rapid and the child should be moving about in two or three days, using the limb that has been treated. I want the child to use the limb as soon as possible, for in most cases the head of the femur and the socket in which it works do not work harmoniously, because during all the patient's life they have grown apart. Use will remove this difficulty.

After the operation to reduce congenital dislocation of the hip the patient is kept in the plaster cast about nine months, though encouraged at the same time to move about, using the limb that has been treated and especially bearing weight on it. Some little patients with these casts upon them are very lively. I remember a boy from Berlin, who was in a cast that held his legs out in spread-eagle style, the knees and toes pointing in opposite directions. He used to gallop sideways about the streets. By the time the cast is taken off the muscles have knit the limb into its new position and if it has been well used all joint difficulties have vanished and the cure is as complete as though the child had had two good limbs from the beginning.

Sometimes there is no socket, or one of its walls is too low to properly retain the head of the femur when it is put in place. This can often be remedied by boring with the femur itself at the time of the operation. The plaster cast then holds the bone in place till the muscles bind it there.

I was greatly pleased to find in New York that my methods of operating are well understood and practiced. In the west they are not. But here in New York, where the German medical papers are taken and studied, the surgeons of the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled know as much about my operation for hip dislocation as I do myself. They have been practicing it for about six weeks.

I have traveled to a number of cities and visited many hospitals and demonstrated my operation many times before great numbers of surgeons since coming here. It is not a matter of strength, but a matter of skill, and there is no reason why the surgeons

who witnessed my demonstration should not be able to repeat it for themselves.

America has some of the cleverest surgeons of the world and the whole body of them here are notably quick at learning. I am greatly pleased with the hospitals, the apparatus is so good, the specialization so thorough, and there has been such liberal provision for particular wants. This country is far ahead of Germany in such matters. The American dentist has demonstrated that he is the best in the world in his calling and the American surgeon will go to the front also—it is inevitable.—New York Independent.

WHEAT RAISING IN ALASKA.

Evidence To Show That It Was Carried
On a Century Ago.

Wheat raising in Alaska is not a new thing. R. E. Taylor of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, has found on Wood Island, southeastern Alaska, the remains of an old Russian flour mill which proves that the Russians raised wheat in Alaska and ground it into flour a century ago. Of the crude machinery comprising the mill there now remains the corner stones and two large pieces of the grinding stones. The size of the mill demonstrated, according to Mr. Taylor, that considerable wheat must have been grown in the valleys about Juneau and Sitka. He says:

"From the conditions of the ruins I would suppose that the mill had been idle for 100 years, and in that time all history of it passed from the minds of the natives. Without a doubt their ancestors at one time used flour made by this mill. While I was in the vicinity of Circle City I learned there was the ruin of another flour mill 100 miles south of there. I did not get to see it, but from all I was able to learn it was of a later date and would indicate that wheat was also grown in that section.

"Why Russia abandoned wheat raising and milling in Alaska is simply a matter of conjecture, for there is no history concerning it. There is this, however, that some years before the sale of the district to the United States there was a great exodus of Russians from Alaska back to the empire, and it may have been that these were flour eaters, and that thereafter milling did not pay or that there was not enough grain raised to keep the mills supplied. Let this be as it may, it is certain that at one time the natives were treated to flour."

Charles A. Perry is taking to Alaska 65 bushels of a hardy variety of wheat grown almost at the Arctic circle in Russia. The seed has been furnished him by the state agricultural college at Champaign, Ill., and he intends to plant it in the Copper river valley, where he claims there are 25,000 square miles of land suitable for agricultural purposes. He is also taking north a quantity of oats, besides some barley, from Iceland, all for seed purposes. On the flats at the head of Copper river, Forty Mile, Perry has seen wild grasses ten feet high. Timothy there attains a height of eight to nine feet when winter overtakes it. In his opinion, there is no question of the success of raising grain and hay in the Copper river valley, and he purposes to thoroughly demonstrate that it can be made to pay financially. Thousands of miners are going into the Copper river valley, and a large market

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ANOTHER KITCHENER STORY.
Put Superior's Orders and Memoranda in the "Bosh" Basket.

In the current number of Blackwood's the following characteristic anecdote is told of Lord Kitchener: Once a general officer was inspecting a post on the line of communications and duly arrived at the little hut which represented the headquarters of the majesty of the army in some wind swept hole. Enter X., and, looking round, espies an office table and two trays, one full of papers. Interested, he reads the label attached to each. The empty one was ticketed "Business" and the other "Bosh." "Excellent officer," purrs X.—thoroughly understands his work and Kitchener's methods. But when he went further and proceeded to examine the papers in the "Bosh" tray his feelings may be better imagined than described on finding that the documents consisted exclusively of his own voluminous orders and memoranda.

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Friday, January 9, 1925

the following property, to-wit: Seven horses and mules; one Percheron mare, four years old, weight 1,500 pounds; one bay survey horse, 8 years old, city broke; one draft horse, 9 years old; one grey horse, 9 years old; one brown horse, 8 years old; one span mule, 12 years old. Twelve cattle: Five milk cows, one with calf by her side; three yearling steers, one yearling heifer, three spring calves. Hogs: Two brood sows, due to farrow by day of sale; nine shoats. Implements: One binder, one new Deere gang plow, two surface cultivators, one riding Sattley cultivator, one cultivator, two corn planters, one disc, one strader, three harrows, one hay loader, two plows, one adjustable potato plow, one truck wagon, two farm wagons, one road wagon, three sets work harness, one set single harness and many other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

Terms of sale: On all sums over five dollars a credit of 15 months will be given, purchaser to give note with approved security. On all sums of five dollars and under, cash. Five per cent discount for cash.

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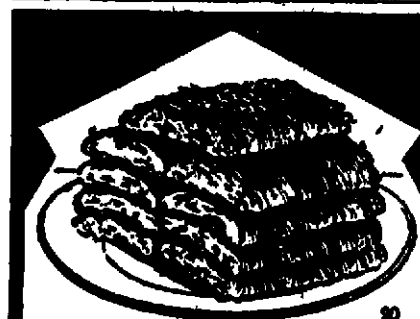
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for manslaughter, the victim being
Minnie Bennett, was released last
week. Cook received four trials and
once agreed to accept a life sentence
if further immunity were promised,
but the prosecution refused. The
only other alleged associate, an Atlanta
physician, committed suicide at the
time the warrants were served.



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and are of great importance in the
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These pod-bearing plants head the
vegetable kingdom, in fact, when re-
garded from a nutritive standpoint,
they being very rich in nitrogenous
substances. The chief principle, the
tissue-forming essential, is legumin, or
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These seeds are deficient in fats and
poorer in magnesia and phosphates than
the cereals, but richer in salts, espe-
cially potash and lime, and they con-
tain a considerable amount of starch.

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versal food product as wheat for vari-
ous reasons. They are not so delicate in
flavor or so agreeable to the majority
of tastes as the wheat kernels, their
lack of gluten prevents their employ-
ment to the many uses in cookery to
which we may apply the wheat pro-
ducts; also, combined with the legumin
there is a great deal of sulphur and
phosphorus; the former is apt to pro-
duce flatulence by forming within the
body sulphuretted hydrogen and simi-
lar compounds. They also contain at
least six per cent of insoluble matter,
which renders them unsuited for those
whose employment is sedentary. But
for active open-air workers this class
of foods will be found equal to meat in
nutritive power, without the objection-
able features of the latter.

Although the legumes are not to be
indulged in too freely or immoderately
by the shut-in workers, it must not be
understood that they are to be entirely
excluded from their diet, but they
should not be used with other foods
in which the albuminoids also predom-
inate.

The proper arrangement of diet is to
vary it as much as possible without
mixing too many articles together at
the same meal. Our food must con-
tain a sufficient quantity of fat, phos-
phates and of proteid matter. But in
order to obtain these do not make the
mistake of over-cooking. There is
more danger of immediate upsetting of
the digestive functions by eating
excessive quantities of starchy foods,
or too great an amount of such con-
centrated foods as the legumes without
the corresponding quantities of cor-
rective food elements, than by partak-
ing too freely of flesh foods. The
dietetic blunders are all made for want
of proper understanding of the nutri-
ent value of vegetable foods which
compare with flesh foods, and wrong
combinations in arranging a fleshless
diet. A free use of fruits and vegeta-
bles at the same meal, instead of
associating fruits and cereals, is a
common error which will bring results
not conducive to the adoption of meat-
less meals.

Starches, the purest and among the
most valuable of our food substances,
have come under the ban simply by
reason of a misconception of their
nature and intended purpose; com-
bined with bad cooking, and because by
the abuse, the thoughtless have
brought upon themselves severe at-
tacks of fermentation and dyspepsia,
a they form the conclusion that
"starchy foods do not agree with
me." The fact is, nature is sure to
punish every offender who disturbs
her grand equilibrium.

Lack of nutrition and nervous pro-
stration are quite as likely to occur from
preposterous over-eating as under-
feeding. In fact fewer persons suffer
from ill effects from eating too little
than they do from the habit of eating
too much and too often, whether they
are hungry or not.

Nature will give unmistakable signs
of the need of nourishment or of ex-
cess in eating. The necessary and
proper amount of nutrients will impart
a sense of renewed vigor and alert-
ness to mind and body, and a sure
indication of intemperance in food is
stupor and drowsiness following a
meal. The whole situation may be
summed up in a few words. Eat only
when the body needs supplies, not
merely to please the taste or from
force of habit, and find the required
balance your individual needs demand
and then exercise all your ingenuity
in varying the food substances with-
out interfering seriously with the
right proportions.

Remember that man needs but little
food, but he wants that little good.
Nature has given us every food sub-
stance that is good for us, the making
or marring of our health depends on
the use we make of these.

Brown Haricot Bouillon.

This is richer and far more sustain-
ing than broth made from beef.
Take a pound of brown haricot or
kidney beans, soak over night in warm
water if they are dried. Then stew
in two quarts of boiling water with
a few small onions for three hours.
The onions may be roasted first to
give a richer color and flavor to the
soup. After the soup has stewed
down to three pints strain it through
a fine sieve and then again through
cheesecloth, season with salt, pepper
and stir in a little butter just before
serving.

Brown Haricot Soup.
Prepare the stock as in above recipe.

and rub the beans through a sieve
along with the liquor or stock, season
to taste, add a little butter and serve.
Or vary this recipe by cooking the
beans until they will crack open, then
add a few tomatoes, fresh or canned,
a slice of Spanish onion and a bunch
of soup herbs. When the vegetables
have cooked soft enough rub through a
sieve, adding more water if necessary;
return to soup kettle, season and add
a lump of butter, and the juice of half
a lemon after the soup has boiled up.

White Bean Soup.

Cook a pint of beans in two quarts
of water with five small onions
chopped fine; a half dozen stalks of
celery chopped and a minced carrot
browned in a little butter. Cook un-
til the vegetables are all tender.

If clear soup is desired, strain out
the vegetables; if not, rub them
through a sieve and add sufficient hot
cream and milk to make the proper
consistency. Season with salt and
pepper and bring to a boil, then serve.

Lentil Fritters.

Cover quarter of a pound of lentils
with lukewarm water, bring to a boil
and cook until lentils are tender but
not pulped. Make a batter with one
egg, cup of entire wheat flour, a few
drops of salad oil and enough warm
water to make a batter that will not
run. Season with salt, pepper, a little
chopped parsley, onion juice and
powdered sage. Add the cooked len-
tles and a few fine, dry bread crumbs.
Mix well and let stand for an hour.
Then fry in hot fat same as other
fritters and serve with tart apple
sauce.

Potted Bean Savory.

Stew some brown kidney beans for
several hours. Then drain off the li-
quor, which may be used for soup. Rub
the beans through a sieve, mix with
some fine brown bread crumbs, season
with onion juice, minced parsley, a lit-
tle powdered thyme, salt and pepper to
taste and enough butter to make a nice
paste. Put into a saucepan and stir
over the fire a few minutes; then pack
in jars and cover with melted butter or
paraffine. This can be used same as
potted meats and makes nice sand-
wiches.

Baked Beans.

This is a variation of the orthodox
pork and baked beans. Soak a pint of
white beans over night. In the morn-
ing put them on to boil, with plenty of
water to cover them and add more as
it becomes absorbed in cooking. Slice
half a pound of breakfast bacon thin
and distribute through the beans and
cook with them. Cook gently until the
beans are tender but not soft enough
to break. Just before taking from the
fire add half a cup of New Orleans mo-
lasses; let all boil up and then pour
into a buttered dish. Cut strips of bac-
on like straws and lay them over the
top of the beans; place in the oven
and bake until well browned or for
about two hours.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN'S WILL.

Although One of America's Greatest
Lawyers, It Was Finally Broken.

A friend of the late Gov. Tilden said
to me: "You ask me how it was that
so great a lawyer as Governor Tilden
left a will that could not stand the
legal test and was set aside by the
court of appeals. Tilden was a pro-
crastinator. The rule of life that
was most effective with him was 'never
do today that which can be well
done tomorrow.' and he had been
carefully drawn and executed. The
principal beneficiary was the Tilden
trust. Three of the trustees—the
three executors, Andrew H. Green,
John Bigelow, and George W. Smith—
had been decided upon. Should the
number be increased, and if so, who
should be invited to serve. Mr. Tilden
was in the best of health, his
weight greater than at any other time
of his life. Suddenly death came.
The Tilden trust had not been incor-
porated. It was a legal nonentity, and
could not receive under the law."

The Tilden heirs, all save one, took
advantage of the opportunity and
broke the will. Miss Pelton (Mrs.
Hazard) gave back out of her part of
the estate some \$2,000,000 to fulfill her
great uncle's wish for the American
people. Thus, you see, it was a
woman's hand and generous heart that
saved some of Tilden's fortune for the
purpose to which he had dedicated it.

The result of the shrinking of Tilden's
bequest from \$8,000,000 to \$2,000,000—
given by Mrs. Hazard—was to
compel a new plan. The city of New
York was induced to make good the
amount lost to the fund by giving the
land in Bryant square and ordering
the erection of the building for the
accommodation of the consolidated
libraries.—New York World.

He who hesitates to look before he
leaps is lost.

CHANGE BREAKFAST.

Habit of Healthy Europeans.
The sturdy Scotch, Germans, French
and Italians seldom or never eat meat
for breakfast.

Long experience has taught that the
breakfast should be simple and not in-
clude meat.

Many Americans suffer with weak
stomachs and more or less illness be-
cause they fail to understand the sim-
ple and healthful plan of a breakfast
somewhat like the following:

A little fruit.

A dish of Grape Nuts and cream.

One or two soft eggs.

A cup of Postum Food Coffee and
perhaps a piece of hard toast.

A man says, "I couldn't go on that
until noon."

One or two days' trial will teach
him a big volume of facts and make
him feel "fit as a fiddle." There is a
deep underlying and scientific reason.
The best argument, however, is the
actual experience with such break-

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One lot of nice Children's Shoes,
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sale price, only—

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Another line of very handsomely
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ton, neat and tidy—this sale, only—

29c

A beautiful line of real swell up-
to-date—something entirely new in
Children's Shoes—a snap—this sale,
only 40c, 50c and—

60c

A lovely line of Misses' real Kid
Shoes, newest toe out, \$1.50 qual-
ity—this sale, only—

95c

This week we place on sale 100
pairs of French Kid Misses' and
Ladies' Shoes, \$3 and \$3.50 quality
—only one chance in a lifetime—at

75c

78 pairs of an exceptionally nice
Kid, real Kid, \$3.50 to \$5 Shoes,
at our invoice sale—think of it—
only

95c

A beautiful line of very swell
Patent Leather Tip, at all other
places \$2, at our invoice sale only—

\$1.25

The Broncho Heavy Double Sole
will not wear out shoe: \$2 quality—
just the shoe for miners—for this
great sale, only—

\$1.25

A splendid Calfskin Shoe, all
solid and thoroughly well made,
nothing in town like it for less than
\$2.50; our sale price, only—

\$1.50

A very handsome and stylish See
Calf Shoe—will wear like iron and
fit perfectly; this sale, only—

\$2.50

Fifty pairs of Men's Shoes, \$1.50 to \$2.00 quality, to make this
sale to be long rememb- red, only.....\$1.19

All our felts and Overs must be sold; will not take up a single pair of Rubbers in the
invoice if next to giving away prices will sell them. Remember, only one chance in a
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Shoe Lace Fasteners, only 10c. Best Shoe Polish, only 5c and 10c.

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20 cents a Pint
40 cents a Quart
60 cents a Half Gallon
\$1.00 a Gallon

WEST'S
DRUG STORE.

LINCOLN SQUARE.

Wyckles.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Frazee is quite sick.
Miss Sadie Kaylor has returned to
her home after spending the holidays
at Stonington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Troutman en-
tertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Troutman and daughter Mar-
tha, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gulick, J. B. Gu-
lick and wife and daughter Louise,
Earl, Howard and Mary Troutman,
Orin Gulick, Howard Troutman and
Elbert Ferrill of Webster City.

Grandma Barnett of Oreana expects
to spend the winter with her daugh-
ter, Mrs. L. Houck.

Visitors on Sunday at L. Houck's,
Mrs. G. W. Kaylor; at A. Gulick's, Mr.
and Mrs. Jerry Miller.

Services at Sharon at 10:30 every
Sunday. Everybody invited.

Charles Cozad of Salem is the guest
of Oren Gulick this week.

John Paschall and children spent
Christmas with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Mary Bergeron and two sisters
spent Christmas at Macon with rela-
tives.

Miss Beatrice Elliott of Decatur called
on Elsie Sawyer Tuesday evening.

Elbert Ferrill and Miss Elsie Sawyer
were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O.
Churchman Wednesday evening.

Jan. 1.

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That much inquired after and watched for event to which all Decatur and surrounding towns turn out yearly, an occasion that has become known far and wide as the Greatest Bona-fide Event of the Year

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NOTE THESE FACTS: We show you all new goods--no old styles to select from.

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We show a full line of Manhattan and Monarch Shirts. Nothing reserved.

OPENS MONDAY MORNING at 8 O'clock

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DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON A GOOD THING--BUT INVESTIGATE.

ONE OF THE STRONG FEATURES is the CHOICENESS of MERCHANDISE, CORRECT STYLES and FINEST MATERIALS

We are not attempting to create a sensation--we are simply yielding to the force of circumstances. The sensation is, however, no less remarkable, for Decatur has never enjoyed an opportunity that parallels this sale. The Profit is Yours.

ALL GOODS in THIS STORE MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES



MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

The styles that are just out
The colors just seen
The makes that are JUST RIGHT

Suits	\$ 6.00, this sale price	\$ 3.75
8.00, " " "	6.00	
10.00, " " "	7.50	
12.00, " " "	9.00	
15.00, " " "	12.00	
16.50, " " "	13.00	
18.00, " " "	14.00	
20.00, " " "	15.00	
22.00, " " "	17.50	
25.00, " " "	19.50	

Men's and Young Men's OVERCOATS

Every coat now marked

\$ 6.00	.....	this sale price, \$ 3.50
10.00	.....	" " " 7.50
12.00	.....	" " " 9.50
15.00	.....	" " " 12.50
16.50	.....	" " " 13.00
18.00	.....	" " " 14.00
20.00	.....	" " " 15.50
22.00	.....	" " " 17.50
25.00	.....	" " " 19.50
30.00	.....	" " " 24.00

BOYS' and CHILDREN'S DEP'T.

SUIT OR OVERCOAT

former price	\$2.50, this sale price	\$1.75
3.00	" " "	2.25
3.50	" " "	2.75
4.00	" " "	3.00
5.00	" " "	3.50
6.00	" " "	4.25
6.50	" " "	4.50
7.00	" " "	5.00
7.50	" " "	5.25
8.00	" " "	5.75



We can save you money on small things as well as large ones

NOTE THESE PRICES!

PANTALON SALE

BUY THAT EXTRA PAIR OF PANTS NOW

\$1.50 and \$2.00 pants, sale price, \$1.25	
\$2.50 pants, sale price	1.75
\$3.00 pants, sale price	2.25
\$4.00 pants, sale price	3.00
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\$6.00 pants, sale price	4.50

SPECIAL!

25 dozen Boys' Knee Pants, the kind for winter wear--3 years to 16--

16c PAIR

Shirt Sale

\$2.50 Manhattan Shirts,	\$1.75
\$2.00 " " "	1.25
\$1.50 " " "	1.00

Any \$1 Shirt in the house during this sale

75 cents

50 dozen White Unlaundered Shirts, all sizes, worth up to 75c,

25 cents

Underwear Sale

Fancy and Derby ribbed, turn needle stitched Underwear, former price (per suit) \$2.00

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All our 50c fleece-lined and ribbed garments at this sale per garment 35c

Also 150 dozen odds and ends in Underwear to close at per garment 19c

If you have bought Underwear in here you know its value.

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Any soft or stiff hat in the house marked

\$3.00, sale price	\$2.50
\$2.00, sale price	\$1.50
\$1.50, sale price	\$1.00

Our Guaranteed Guyer and Sigler Included

Any \$1 Cap	80c
Any 75c Cap	50c
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FOR RENT—The blacksmith shop at 224 Wabash avenue. One of the best locations in the city. See P. K. Albert, at police headquarters.—4-dt.

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FOR RENT—A very desirable room in private family. Private entrance, heat and light, all new and convenient. Low rent. Right party. E. F. Stanley 13 Syndicate block.—4-dt.

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FOR SALE—120 acre farm 1 1/2 miles from Decatur City. Good black land, thoroughly tilled, fair improvements. A bargain at the price asked. Wilson & Riber, 104 East Prairie st.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—Good lot on paved street 6 room, 2 story house, \$1100. New 8 room house, modern in every respect and hot water heat for \$3300. W. F. Pickle, 137 E. Main.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—Farms, farms, farms, for sale in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi, and then some others. Rare bargains see me and you doubt it, but come and see me. Excursion to Jan. 6. For further particulars apply at once to George Lowe, land and immigration agent, room 4, second floor, Opera House block, No. 154 South Water street, opposite Hotel Brunswick, Decatur, Ill.—4-dt.

WANTED—You to call and see me if you are thinking of buying property. I have a number of good properties in different parts of the city. Any of them a bargain. Office 141 E. Main. A. C. Allen.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—On account of the owner, O. C. Stafford, leaving the city, I have for sale his home, located at No. 622 West 1st street. This is a modern house of eight rooms, has bath room and reception hall, situated on a large lot with south frontage, hot water heat, mantles and grates and plenty of closets, good barn. Come and let us show you the place. Henry B. Wise, 413 and 414 Millikin bldg.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—Land in the Yazoo Valley where the future of the state is known. Near railroad and shipping market. If you are looking for investment in land you should investigate this. Good black land can be bought for \$3 about this acre. Call and talk with us about this. Riber, 104 East Prairie Street.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—Farm Lands. We have a large list of Illinois farms which will be able to furnish what you are looking for. We have a four hundred acre farm which is a special bargain. Willow Creek, 104 East Prairie st. Over Prescott Music store.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—150 acres, in all cultivation, with improvements, rented for \$5 per acre. Can be bought for a term of 5 years at \$1000 per acre. Also a large list of 1 residence properties in all parts of the city. Some splendid bargains. It will be to your interest to look them over before the advance. J. W. Baith, real estate and insurance agent, 116 Merchants bldg.—4-dt.

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FOR SALE—House and lot at 772 West 2nd street, address D. C. Myers, Warrensburg.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—160 acres at \$75 per acre near Decatur, 160 acres at \$80 per acre near Decatur, 60 acres at \$100 per acre near Decatur. Brown & Montgomery, 123 N. Water st.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—A \$750 equity in 5x12x12 foot lot, east front, good 4 room house, summer kitchen, fine shade, well, water, raspberries, peaches two grapes, large chicken yard, 1063 N. Church.—4-dt.

FOR TRADE—76 acres of land three and one-half miles from Emmons, Ill. for a stock of goods. H. M. White, 117 N. Water.—3-dt.

FOR SALE—At a great sacrifice. It sold at once a fine residence property at 1153 North Main st. Part cash. Rest to suit purchaser. Snap for some one. Inquire B. Manning, at Droblich Bros.—31-dt.

FOR SALE—Fine farm of 200 acres, good improvements, near Decatur, Morgan county, Ill. Good as the best Macon county land at a lower price. Third cash, balance on time. Inquire of J. E. Miller, ex-Deatur Com. Co., Decatur.—31-dt.

FOR SALE—Good 70 acre farm in Jefferson Co. Ill. Good improvements. 12 acres bearing corn, nicely located. All good productive land only 100 per acre. A. S. Osborn, Woodlawn, Ill.—2-dt.

FOR SALE—160 acres of fine black farm land, 4 miles north of Decatur. A fine investment. For information address A. L. R. Rural Route No. 2, Decatur, Ill.—1-dt.

LOTS FOR SALE—East end "Beman Place" to very desirable, \$500 to \$500. Terms to suit purchaser. Close to factories and round house. Address R. R. Montgomery.—31-dt.

FOR SALE—A barn, 14 by 24 feet. Practically new. For Rent—A 5-room house, N. Water st.; suit of 2 rooms; suit of 3 rooms and suit of 4 rooms in 10x12 foot. All steam heated. Apply Godwin, 13 Syn. cate bldg.—0-dt.

FOR SALE—MODERN 3 ROOM HOUSE, 40x60 ft. front, West North street, \$1,600. One room cottage, well, cistern, fine lot, East Bradford street, \$1,150. One 8-room dwelling, east front on N. Main street, \$3,500. First Godwin, 13 Syndicate Bldg.—30-dt.

FOR SALE—OR TRADE—160 acres of Assumption, at \$50 per acre. Take a \$2,000 Decatur property as part pay. Frank Godwin, 13 Syndicate bldg.—30-dt.

FOR SALE—7 room house, 4 blocks court house, \$1,000, 5 room cottage, cemented basement, gas furnace, 2 block, \$2,500, 6 room house, 2 blocks Millikin bldg., \$2,500. Several trades on hand. Decatur Investment Co., 141 E. Main, Decatur, Ill.—5-dt.

FOR SALE—I have one vacant lot in the nine hundred block on West End dorado street, stone wall in front, for only seven hundred and fifty dollars. I have one vacant south front lot on West Grand street, for \$250 to \$375. Now is the time to buy as they will not be on the market any short time at the above price. John S. Campbell, 102 E. Prairie st.—3-dt.

FOR SALE—Six room house in the nine hundred block, West Wood st. Good well, cellar, cistern and hydrant water. All sewer connections made. There is some fruit, good walks and shade. Very cheap if taken by Jan. 15, 1903. John S. Campbell, 102 East Prairie St.—5-dt.

FOR SALE ONE LOT CHEAP—House built right up to it. Will sell on payment. Price \$225.00. If you want this, here's a hustle on you. See A. Heminger, 102 E. Prairie St., Decatur.—9-dt.

FOR SALE—House and lot No. 953 North Union St. Small cash payment; balance in monthly payments to suit purchaser. Address W. H. Harshbarger, No. 18 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.—13-dt.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A well built room brick house with all modern conveniences, near street car. Will sell at a bargain. P. Loeb, 300 W. Prairie ave.—Oct. 31-dt.

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FOR SALE—One four foot roller top desk. In good condition and has been little used. Apply of D. H. Helman at T. S. Sprague's grocery on Lincoln Square.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—Contracts in the Guaranty Trust Co. Purchasing company, which are guaranteed to mature in 7 months. Buy one and get a hold which you can pay for in easy monthly payments, without interest. J. W. Barth, 116 Merchant street.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—Fine good stove for wood, nearly new. Nice heavy dining table, glass writing desk, bed room suite, glass and silver, nice bed room furniture, 20 per cent less than big stores. Walter Garver, half block east of Scoville.—4-dt.

FOR SALE—1 mare, 9 years old; 1 steel-tire road wagon; 1 rubber tire road wagon; 1 rubber-tire survey; 3 sets of single harness; 1 pool table. Inquire at No. 826 W. Wood st.—2-dt.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, full equipment of a bakery and milk depot, in good location, with established trade; also a small stock of groceries in splendid location doing good business. Call and see J. W. Barth, 116 Merchant st.—2-dt.

GOOD SWEET MILK FOR SALE—Call at W. B. Huffaker's store corner of Morgan and Herkimer.—1-dt.

FOR SALE—First class rubber tire phaeton, full leather top. Style up-to-date. Kimball hand made, a bargain at the price. Paint shop 122 North Church st. Second floor. J. L. English.—1-dt.

FOR SALE—Bedroom suites, dressers, sewing machines, ironing boards, chairs, rockers, incubators at Decatur Auction and Furniture Co., 723 N. Water. We also pay cash for good second hand furniture.—1-dt.

FOR SALE—Two hard coal stoves for sale cheap. Byrd Davis.—1-dt.

FOR SALE—20 choice pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels, \$1.50 each. George W. Dunston, 573 W. Decatur, Ill.—1-dt.

FOR SALE—3 work horses and 1 full blooded stallion 5 years old. Call at 134 E. Washington. Davidson & Lambert, livery stable.—31-dt.

FOR SALE—First class family or coach horse, 10 years old. Good traveler, perfectly gentle, at 279 W. William.—0-dt.

FOR SALE—TRADE—Kimball or cow, good as new. I will trade it for a cow, horse or a good pony. Also a mare 3 years old for sale cheap. Will work double or single. 231 E. Leifland G. S. Lowe.—30-dt.

FOR SALE—Sew cases, counters, wall cases and fixtures at half price and less, separately or all together. Must be sold to make room for new stock. Located at 221 N. Brodus, E. Co., 226 N. Main st. Decatur, Ill.—30-dt.

FOR SALE—One twelve horse traction engine, one Sandwith cor. sheller, one 3-1/2 Western cor. sheller. These have been rebuilt, are nicely painted, and in first class condition. Will be sold very reasonable. J. Hartley Co., corner South Franklin and East Decatur.—Nov. 15-dt.

FOR SALE—Nice cottage of five rooms on monthly payments, better owned than rent it. See A. Heminger for a bargain, 102 E. Prairie St.—9-dt.

FOR SALE—Atlas stationary engine, 20 horse power, 40 horse power boiler, at strictly first class. Call at our office, V. H. Park, 621 N. Main, Decatur, Illinois.—12-dt.

FOR SALE—G. M. WOOD SELLER ALL KINDS OF PUMPS, REPAIRS YOUR BROKEN PUMPS, 115 South Water.—Dec. 13-dt.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—On Prairie street small flat night watchman's key at this office and get reward.—4-dt.

LOST—A yellow and white bull bitch, with leather collar. Reward for return or information at 335 North Water street.—4-dt.

FOUND—Wednesday afternoon in business part of city a gold locket on Chateaufort pla. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying charges by calling at Jesse Letourges & Co. Real Estate, 151 E. Main st. Upstairs.—1-dt.

MONEY TO LOAN.

A. T. SUMMERS & SON LOAN MONEY ON CHATEAUFORTS, NEXT TO MILLIKIN'S BANK.—3dt.

\$1,000 TO LOAN—for one to three years on real estate or any good security, except chattel mortgage. Low rate of interest. Laughlin & Cloud, 115 Merchant st.—31-dt.

MONEY TO LOAN—Any amount. Come and see. Rare bargains in new up-to-date residences; come and see. Located in vacant lots, farms in Illinois, etc.; excursion rates Jan. 6. Fall in line and come and see. Geo. Lower, room 4, second floor, Opera House block, No. 154 South Water street, opposite Hotel Brunswick.—5-4-dt.

\$1000 TO LOAN—on good city property at 4 per cent per annum. Brown & Montgomery 123 N. Water st. Decatur, Ill.—4-dt.

MONEY TO LOAN—on all good security, personal or chattel for any time. G. C. Ryder, 309 Millikin Building.—31-dt.

Real estate, household goods, pianos, horses cattle, household goods, pianos, security. Lowest rates and best terms on any amount. We make our loans on short notice. All business strictly confidential. Call and see me when you want money. Geo. W. Ehrhart, 137 N. Water street.—30-dt.

TO LOAN—On farm and city property, in sums of \$100 to \$10,000, at 5 and 6 per cent; also short time loans on chattel mortgage security. Write for insurance at lowest rates. J. W. Barth, 116 Merchant St.—Dec. 7-dt.

SEE PEGRAM & CO. DISPLAY AD FOR MONEY TO LOAN.—2-jt.

MONEY. We Make Loans on Furniture, Horses, Wagons, Cattle, Grain, Pianos, Watches, Diamonds, etc. Plenty of money always on hand. No questions asked of your country cousins or middlemen neighbors. Harry Fisk, 116 Merchant St.—5-13-dt.

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HE FELL DOWN. Stumbled over a lot of little debts. HE IS NOW ON HIS FEET. Put there by—

—If you take 136 Merchant St. All classes of loans at reasonable rates on good security.

MONEY TO LOAN—At lowest current rates on real estate, individual security or chattel mortgages. Loans made on live stock, grain, farming implements, etc. Also on household goods, and any kind of good collateral. Caldwell, rooms 101 and 502, Millikin building.—22-dt.

MISCELLANEOUS. H. PASCO, lawyer, notary public, solicitor in chancery, pension attorney, practice in all state and United States courts and departments at Washington. Prompt attention to law, business, bankruptcy and pension schedules, contracts. Over West's drug store.—4-dt.

LET ED KELINGTON repair your bicycle the next time. All work guaranteed. Also fine line of sundries and supplies. Good second hand bicycle for sale at the lowest prices, at the rear of Otisheimer Clothing Store. Old Phone Cherry 34.—4-dt.

GOOD photos at \$1 per dozen and up, including prints. Large variety of styles. Dark days all right for making negatives Sunday hours 1 to 4 p. m. East End Gallery, 1079 East Eldorado.—4-dt.

CALLS—Promptly made day or night by Francis Carriage line. Old stand at Star Lunch room, new telephone 286, 1079 East Eldorado.—4-dt.

ATTENTION—Members of the En of Lodge No. 583 K. of P. Our place of meeting has been changed from old library bldg to Castle Hall, 1079 East Eldorado. Lodge No. 17 1/2 floor Powers' building and time of meeting from Monday to Wednesday nights.—E. W. Barkman, C. C. M. Schneider, K. of R. & S.—26d.

EXCURSION TO TEXAS. Go with me and see the wonderful resources of the State of Texas. Henry B. Wise, 413-414 Millikin bldg.—31-dt.

HOME SEEKERS' EXCURSION—Tuesday Jan. 6, 1903 from Decatur, Ill. to St. Louis, Missouri via Illinois Central. Round trip ticket \$9 and good for 21 days. For further information call on Midland Land & Immigration Co., 408-410-412 Millikin Bldg. Decatur, Ill.—1-dt.

EYES TESTED—FREE. If your eyesight is failing don't delay in seeing. Mary Nesbitt, the optician, 155 North Broadway, has many satisfied customers are her best recommendation. Twelve years experience. Special prices on spectacles for the next thirty days.—1-dt.

MISS MABELLE SMICK—Piano teacher, New pupils received after Jan. 3. Studio, Walts bldg. 147 N. Main.—1-dt.

ILLINOIS RUBBER STAMP AND THE RUBBER WORKS, 407 N. MAIN, THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN TO GET SATISFACTION. T. DAYTON, PROPRIETOR.—4-dt.

PATENTS—Protect your ideas. No allowance, no fee. Consultation free. Est. 1864. Milo B. Stevens & Co., 876 14th St., Washington.—22-dt.

JNO. L. KEISTER, Broker and dealer in New York stocks, bonds and real estate. Office and provisions on margin. 421, 423 and 425 Powers Building, Decatur, Ill.—Dec. 1-dt.

LAUGHLIN & CLOUD HAVE MOVED.

room four, over Springer's grocery on Merchant street, after eleven years occupancy of their former office. We will sell farms and city property, Louisiana and Texas rice lands and rich, level lands in southeastern Missouri. Write for insurance, loan money, rent property, make collections, pay taxes for non-residents, make deeds, mortgages and other legal papers, examine abstracts, notary in office, immigration agents for Illinois Central, Southern Pacific and Cotton Belt Railways. Do a general real estate and business office. Thanking the public for their liberal patronage in the past and asking for a share of your business in the future, we invite you to call on us in our new quarters.—31-dt.

"I FAVOR THE SICK BENEFIT Fund," said a prominent Decatur business man, Saturday, who has \$2000 certificate, "The Modern American, then, with its solid financial plan, and liberal provisions, for accident, sickness, pension payments and death benefits will be the ideal order." Installation of officers and sick benefit fund the order for Jan. 13 meeting. It costs to join, but—"You give, you money." Cut this out and bring to 442 N. Church, and save \$3 out of \$7.—4-dt.

FURNITURE PACKING, Moving and storage, etc.; trunk and cab calls; prices low. Davis Livery.—22-dt.

FOR PACKING FURNITURE, pianos and china see us. We guarantee our work. We pack at your home or at our warehouse. We make no charge for moving, packing, and shipping household goods and pianos. Meredith Storage and Moving Co.—March 5-dt.

STORAGE—We have a good clean room to store furniture. Packing done by expert. If you are going to leave the city, we will take care of your furniture. We also buy complete sets of household goods. Decatur Supply Co.—3-dt.

COLLECTIONS—We collect store accounts, labor claims, board bills, jobbers' and wholesalers' accounts, notes, judgments, and debts of long standing. All classes of claims collected. Positively no charge or expense unless claims are collected. A. Summers & Son, 110 N. Water St.—13-dt.

PATENTS Sold and Obtained. F. G. GORDON, 110 West Prairie Street. 7-dt.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the People's Saving and Loan Association will be held at its office in Decatur, Illinois, on the 19th day of January, 1903, between the hours of 7.30 p. m. and 9 o'clock p. m. for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

ALBERT BARNES, Secretary, Decatur, Illinois, January 4, 1903.—4-dt.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, vs. The Circuit Court, to the January term, D. 1902, Edgar D. Carr vs. Aura Bricker, et al., number 18603. Partition. A. Javit of one non-residence of Chas. S

Great Basement Bargains

500 granite Tea Kettles, Monday.....	29c	51 Nickel Tea and Coffee Pots, 1000 Tin Cups, each.....	49c
500 granite Tea and Coffee Pots, Monday.....	19c	2000 Water Glasses, instead of 50c.....	1c
500 Berlin Stew Kettles, Monday.....	29c	25c Coal Rods.....	2c
100 granite Drinking Cups, Monday.....	5c	25c four-sewed Brooms.....	15c
75c Wash Bells.....	49c		

WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO CREATE THE LOWEST PRICES.

THE STEWART DRY GOODS CO

Monday Your Last Chance

Monday we expect to close out our entire Doll department. If there are any left Monday evening we will pack them and put them away in our stock room until next season. Before we put them away

Do you want a Doll Less Than Half Price?

200 dressed and undressed Dolls—beautiful silk and satin dresses; also kid body dolls; all regular 50c and 75c dolls—Monday your choice..... **25c**

200 great large regular \$1.25 kid body Dolls. Come early Monday; as long as they last, your choice..... **50c**

TREMENDOUS JANUARY PRICE REDUCTIONS! All Winter Goods Must Go!

"A work well begun," the philosopher says, "is half done." We want to quickly dispose of all winter merchandise, so to begin well the month of January and the new year—

TO-MORROW--MONDAY--WE OFFER THROUGHOUT OUR STORE BARGAINS GREATER THAN EVER!

READ THIS	READ THIS	READ THIS	READ THIS	READ THIS	READ THIS	READ THIS
2000 yards of yard-wide mercerized linings, spun glass and silk finished percalines; black and colors; regular price 15c to 25c a yard; Monday until noon, a yard	20 pieces of imported all wool French Flannels and Botany Flannels, plain shades; regular price 50c to 65c a yard; Monday a yard	200 ladies' and misses' beautiful trimmed Winter Hats, regular price from \$3.50 to \$4. We want to quickly close out the entire lot in one day. Your choice for	50 ladies' beautiful black and colored moreen Underskirts that sold for \$5—Monday and as long as they last they go for	2000 yards of light and dark Outing Flannels, nice pink and blue stripes and checks; regular 6c values. Monday a yard	2000 yards of standard Calicoes; all regular 5c and 6c calicoes. Monday until noon a yard	Ladies' fleece-lined Union Suits and fleece-lined Vests—about 10 dozen—broken lines. Instead of 25c. Monday, to close out the entire lot quickly—the lowest price ever quoted
7c	29c	\$1	\$2.98	3½c	3½c	14c

GLOAKS!

Actually Less than the Cost of the Material of which they are made.

\$1.98

Beginning Monday morning we intend to make quick work clearing out all winter jackets. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Jackets that sold for \$5, go for... **\$1.98**

Ladies' handsome 27 inch half fitting jackets, some saloon lined and others lined with silk, regular \$8 and \$10 Coats, go for... **\$4.98**

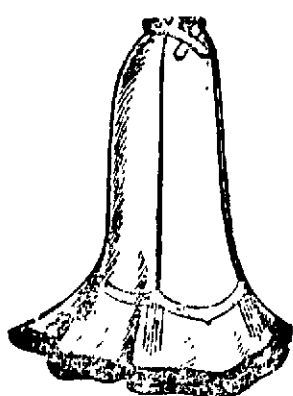
Faultless 27 inch Jackets, attractive blouses and graceful three-quarter garments, all worth at retail \$12 and \$15, to go for \$7.98 each. The widest flight of the imagination is passed in the realization of these beautiful Alexander Black Coats. Made of finest kersey, strictly man-tailored, profusely stitched and lined throughout with satin. Many are trimmed with straps that wonderfully enhance the beauty of the garment. Colors are brown, red, oxford, and tan. Worth \$12 and \$15, for... **\$7.98**

Handsome Monte Carlo Coats, London Box Coats and Velour Blouses, swell coats that sold from \$18 to \$25. Now your choice for... **\$11.98**

Children's all wool flannel and eiderdown gretchenes, great values for \$2.98, \$1.98 and... **98c**

Walking Skirts and Dress Skirts

Our January Prices will pleasantly surprise you. Not cheap skirts—but Good Skirts CHEAP.



\$1.39 for ladies walking skirts, made of good quality of Oxford gray Meltons, regular price, \$2.00.

\$1.69 for ladies' nicely made pedestrian skirts, trimmed with stitched black satin bands; an oxford gray walkingworth \$2.50.

\$2.89 for ladies' all wool black dress skirts and walking skirts that sold for \$4.50 and \$5.00.

\$4.98 for ladies' elegant black castor and navy blue all wool dress skirts, made of chevrons and Venetians, trimmed with stitched satin and silk bands. Skirts cheap at \$7.

\$6.98 for ladies' beautiful black silk skirts. Made in the latest styles. Regular price \$10.

\$9.98 for black silk skirts that sold for \$12.50.

\$12.48 for black silk skirts worth \$18.00.

Flannel Waists--Sweaters Extraordinary Values! All This Season's Styles



All our ladies' Flannelette Waists, nice colorings and designs of French flannels. To clear them out quickly your choice now for... **35c**

All our ladies' all wool Flannel Waists, red, royal blue, new green and black. Remember all wool waists that always sell for \$1.25, your choice now for... **95c**

All our ladies' regular \$2.00 handsome all wool Flannel Waists, nicely corded and tucked. All the nice shades, red, royal, old rose, green, etc. Your choice now for... **\$1.39**

All our ladies' regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 Waists, made of French flannels and Botany flannels, elaborately stitched, tucked and pleated, your choice now for... **\$1.98**

Ladies' handsome new knit Sweaters in red, blue, black and white, all the new blouse styles, regular price \$5.00, now... **\$3.98**

Ladies' Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, great values \$1.98, \$1.49, 98c and... **49c**

SWELL EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES

Ladies' regular 75c dressing sacques, red, gray, rose, etc., now your choice... **49c**

Ladies' regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 eiderdown dressing sacques, all the desirable shades, now... **98c**

Ladies' beautiful eiderdown dressing sacques, elegantly trimmed worth \$2 to \$2.50, your choice now for... **\$1.49**

Dress Goods at a wonderful SAVING

Upwards of 500 remnants of black and colored all wool dress goods, lengths of from 3 to 8 yards in a piece. Many dress lengths and skirt lengths, also desirable lengths for children's dresses. They are all marked in plain figures. Beginning Monday morning and as long as they last to make quick work closing out this entire season's accumulation of short lengths in our dress goods department. Your choice of any remnants at regular price less 25 per cent deducted from your bill.

10 pieces of heavy melton cloth for unlined walking skirts instead of 50c, this sale a yard... **33c**

25 pieces of henriettes, tricot and granite cloths, all new and desirable, bought to sell for 39c, this sale a yard... **25c**

15 pieces of 36 inch novelty dress goods, all desirable shades and effects, regular 25c values, this sale, a yard... **12c**

46 inch all wool Diagonal cloth, 50 inch beautiful French broadcloths, 48 inch all wool chevrot serges, 48 inch handsome granite cloths, 48 inch beautiful Zibeline suiting, all regular \$1.00 dress goods, this sale a yard... **58c**

Underwear and Hosiery At January Prices.

A GOOD TIME TO SUPPLY YOUR WANTS—EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD VALUES.

25c Ladies' and Misses' extra heavy fleeced shirts and pants good, serviceable, warm, the best values we think ever offered in underwear—an extra special quality at this popular price—this sale... **25c**

Ladies' elegant soft fleeced very warm shirts and drawers, regular 75c values; also regular 75c Oneita Union Suits; these you will find very special... **49c**

Ladies' natural wool shirts and drawers—our regular \$1.25 values; this sale... **98c**

98c Ladies' regular \$1.50 Oneita Union Suits—remember, nice, warm wool Union Suits, not seconds—every garment warranted to give satisfactory wear or we will replace them free of charge; this sale... **98c**

10c Children's—Boys' and Girls'—Shirts, Pants and Drawers, all sizes, heavy fleeced underwear; other stores sell them according to size from 15c to 25c; our price for any size, this sale... **10c**

Boys' and Girls' regular 35c Union Suits, now... **25c**

This week we put on special sale upwards of 50 doz ladies' fine gauge soft fleeced fast black Hosiery; our regular 20c Ladies' Hosiery for, a pair... **12c**

Children's double fleeced Ribbed Hose double knee, heel and toe; remember, a good, heavy, warm fleeced line. Hose, such as other stores sell for 17c; our price for all sizes, this sale, a pair... **9c**

22c Bargains for Men

Men's fleece lined Jersey Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, a bargain price in every store \$3.50; our price this sale... **22c**

50 dozen men's extra warm fleeced shirts and drawers—the regular price in this grade is 50c a garment; all sizes; this sale, our price... **39c**

Men's natural wool shirts and drawers—fine, soft, warm wool garments—every garment warranted shrunken; all sizes in shirts and drawers, and instead of \$1.25, this sale... **98c**

10 dozen Men's black and white corded bosom work shirts, regular price in every store 50c, this sale... **39c**

Men's regular 50c night shirts, muslin and flannelette, this sale... **39c**

20 dozen Men's and Boys' black and white striped work shirts worth 35c, this sale, choice for... **25c**

Men's and Boys' black all wool yarn gloves and mittens, regular price 35c, this sale... **25c**

Boys' and Men's good suspenders worth 25c a pair, this sale a pair... **10c**

MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY
1500 yards of yard wide genuine "Country Club" percales worth 10c, Monday, a yard.....	2000 yards of light pink and blue striped and checked outing flannels, worth 5c, Monday, a yard.....	50 elegant warm silkline covered comforts, yarn tied and filled with white cotton worth \$1.50, Monday.....	75 pairs of good heavy 11-4 gray blankets, the regular \$1.25 blankets, Monday, a pair.....	25 pairs of large size good warm all wool gray blankets worth \$1.18, Monday, a pair.....	1 case of full size snow white bedspreads, hemmed or fringed, never sold in a regular way less than \$1, Monday each.....	50 dozen fringed towels, worth 5c each, Monday not over 6 to a customer at each.....	20 dozen great large linen huck towels, always sold for 10c, Monday, each.....	200 linen Roman embroidered dresser scarfs, slightly soiled, great values 75c, 40c and.....	25 beautiful lunch cloths, handsome linen cloths with drawn work and hemstitching slightly mused, great values \$1.19, 98c & 69c	25 pieces of good absorbent twilled cotton roller towel worth 5c, Monday a yarn.....	2000 yards of regular 7c unbleached good linen roller toweling, Monday a yard.....	200 boxes of Armour's high grade celebrated "Tivoli" toilet soap, 3 cakes in a box worth 25c, Monday or 10c price, a box	2000 cakes of Fairy bank's toilet Fair and Tar soap, regular 5c a cake, Monday until noon 4 cakes for.....
5c	3½c	98c	98c	\$2.85	85c	2½c	5c	35c	69c	2½c	5c	10c	10c

NEW CARPETS AND RUGS ARRIVING DAILY---IT PAYS TO TRADE WITH THE STEWART DRY GOODS COMPANY

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Lesson of Today With Full Notes and Comments.
Paul and Silas at Philippi.
Acts 16:22-31.
Golden Text—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16:31.

Review.
It takes something of a mental effort even for the experienced Bible student to pass at one leap from the boyhood of Samuel to the middle of Paul's second missionary journey. Much more will it be necessary in dealing with a class to spend most of the first hour in bringing the pupils into touch with the situation.

The only place to begin where one can be sure of meeting an immediate response in the memory of the class is Paul's conversion, the circumstances of which will be remembered by all. Although the date of that event is unknown, we may take an approximate date of A. D. 36 in order to get a starting point. Then comes the ministry at Damascus, the visit to Arabia, and the visit to Jerusalem. Paul met some of the apostles, and after some suspicion was received by the church. After some preaching to Gentiles he left Jerusalem to escape danger and went to his early home at Tarsus, where he spent several years. During this period the church at Antioch had been founded, and it was at the suggestion of Barnabas that Paul was

brought from Tarsus to assist in the work there. This brings us down to about the year 44, which may be regarded as closing the first period—a period during which we have only brief notes of Paul's movements. The apostle was growing in power and in the confidence of the churches. His important relation with the earnest missionary church at Antioch is the link between this first period and the years of missionary journeys which followed.

First Missionary Journey.
It was after a visit to Jerusalem with Barnabas to bear contributions for the famine-stricken saints, that the Antioch church, perhaps about the year 46, ordained Barnabas and Saul to carry the gospel abroad. They started them on what is commonly called the "first missionary journey," the report of which in the book of Acts extends from 13:4 to 14:28. This journey began at Antioch and took the apostles through the island of Cyprus, thence to the southern coast of what we call Asia Minor at the port of Perga, where John Mark left them on account of some disagreement, thence into the interior, where the gospel was preached at the four cities of Antioch (of Pisidia), Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. Many listened to the gospel, but persecution developed in each place, which reached its climax at Lystra, where Paul was stoned. Leaving Derbe, where many disciples were won, the apostles returned along

the same route by which they had come, assisting in the formation of churches. According to the now popular "South Galatian theory" these churches of Antioch, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe, which were within the Roman province of Galatia, were among the churches which were subsequently led astray by Judaizers, to which Paul wrote his epistle to the Galatians. But on the other theory, the older, this letter was written to churches in northern Galatia, which Paul could not have visited on his second journey. After reaching the coast, the apostles returned by sea to Antioch. This "first missionary journey" apparently occupied somewhat over two years.

The next event was the council at Jerusalem (Acts 15:13-30), held to decide the question as to the policy to be pursued in dealing with Gentile converts. Paul held a position of extreme independence, some members of the Jerusalem church held an opposite position of extreme claims for a Judaizing policy, and the result was a compromise, and an amicable division of the mission field between Peter and Paul. Paul's version of this famous meeting is given in Gal. 2:1-10.

Second Missionary Journey.
This important question settled, there began another period of travel extending over about three years (51-54) which is called, for convenience, "the second missionary journey." This time Paul took Silas with him

Instead of Barnabas, a dispute having arisen with the latter as to the question of taking Mark along. Paul and Silas journeyed to the South Galatian churches, thence through the northern part of Galatia, Phrygia and neighboring districts to the coast of the Aegean sea at Troas, opposite Europe. Here Luke joined them, and from this point the narrative in the Acts begins to be in the first person. At Troas the vision of the Macedonian calling for help marked an epoch in Paul's career. Hitherto he had ministered in Asia. Now he crosses to Europe.

The next period of this second journey finds the apostles first in Macedonia, then in Greece, where Paul preached at Athens and Corinth, returning finally to the Asiatic continent for a brief stay at Ephesus, thence home by way of Jerusalem to Antioch.

The Lesson.
This is the point at which we take up the narrative—shortly after Paul's crossing into Europe, when he was just beginning a work under totally new conditions, the outcome of which was to be even more wonderful than any of his ministry had yet been. The passage to be studied this week covers the mission in Philippi, Acts 16:12-40. The incidents are few: A conversation with devout women on the Sabbath day, the conversion and baptism of Lydia, the healing of a demoniac girl whose mysterious ravings were exploited for hire by her mas-

ters, the disturbance which these matters stirred up, the imprisonment of the missionaries, the miraculous release of the prisoners, the conversion of the jailer and his family, the public liberation by the magistrates in the morning.

In teaching the lesson, such time as may be left after the review of earlier events may be given, first to a brief rehearsal of these incidents, and second, to judicious selections from the epistle letter written to these Philippians by Paul, showing the earnest and consecrated type of Christianity which grew from these small beginnings.

Next lesson: "Christian Living." Phil. 4:1-13.

THE VENEZUELAN CHARACTER.

People Not of the Same Temper as the Nicaraguans.
It is probable that in London and Berlin, if not in Washington also, the history of and national temper of the Venezuelans have been overlooked or misconceived and that it has been too lightly taken for granted that they could be as roughly and summarily brought to book as were the Nicaraguans. As a matter of fact, among all the Latin-American peoples the Venezuelans have the most illustrious record. Unlike the British colonists, who had the aid of France, they did not have the assistance of any European power in their uprising against their

mother country. Not only did they free themselves from Spanish oppression, however, but they played the part of liberators in New Granada, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. If, indeed, the renown of a national hero is to be measured by military triumphs in the field, there is no reason why the name of Bolivar should pale beside that of Washington. It was preposterous to assume that a people conscious of ennobling traditions, and inspired by heroic examples, would tamely submit to be treated like China or like Egypt. That assumption seems to have been made, however, by the British and German commanders in Venezuelan waters, and, as those officers have not been superseded, we must infer that their conduct has met with approval at the foreign offices of London and Berlin.

Under the circumstances President Roosevelt might well have considered it his duty to point out that the smooth assurances originally given to him on paper had not been made good in fact, and that in case a provocative policy should cause the allied powers to drift into a long and sanguinary war with an American republic it might be expected that the mediation of the United States or a resort to arbitration should be speedily agreed upon. Again we reiterate the oft-repeated assertion of the national necessity of building and maintaining a navy equal in size and strength to that of the German

empire.—Harper's Weekly.

He Wouldn't Be There Anyway.

The late Thomas B. Reed believed in getting on with the public business, and did not believe in the custom of setting apart a time for a solemn reading of obituary addresses in congress. He considered it a foolish custom, saying that he thought "the survivors could show their respect for the dead in better ways than by voting themselves a day's idleness." When Thad Stevens, who, in his courage, his power of sarcasm and his pithy speech, resembled Mr. Reed, was on his deathbed in Washington, Congressman Grinnell of Iowa, who was a clergyman, called on him and said: "When your death takes place the house will, of course, take notice of the event. Have you any preference who among your old political friends should speak at this time?" Stevens replied: "I don't care a cuss who makes the speech, but I'm d-d glad I shan't be there to hear it."—Portland Oregonian.

Croup.

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